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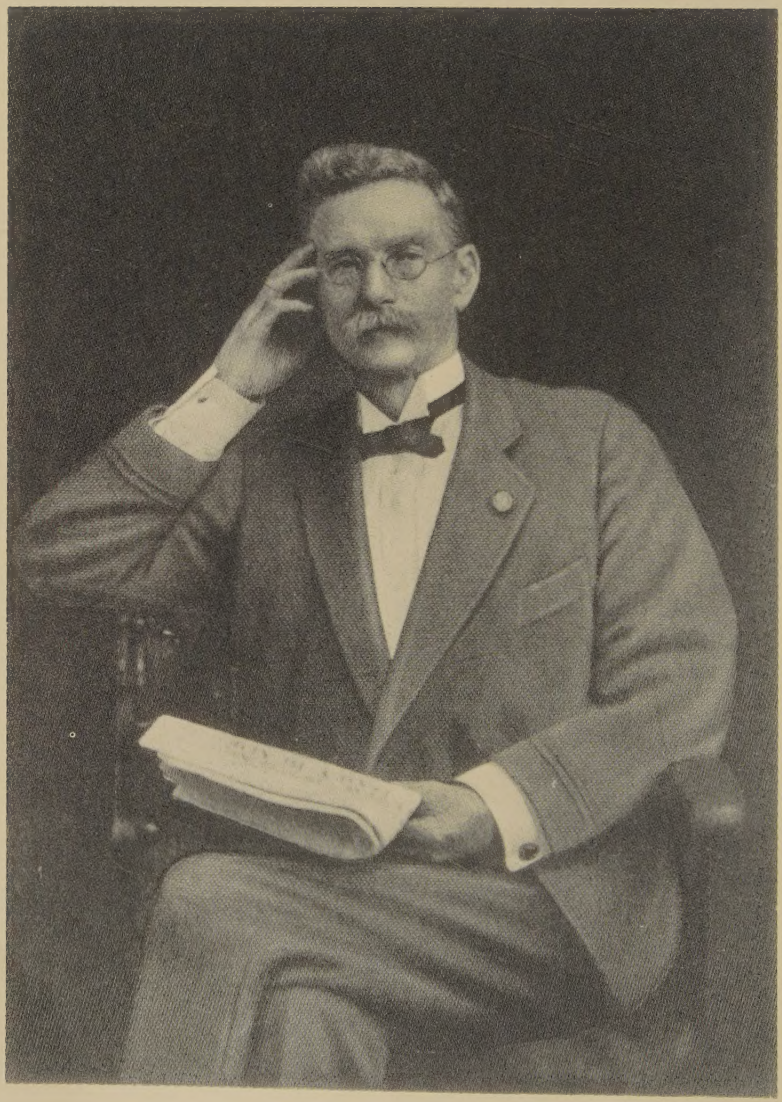


JOHN M. WILLIAMS

Hanging Rock Iron Region

JOHN M. WILLIAMS. Every community is frequently reminded of the fact that "in the midst of life we are in death." A poignant illustration of this was brought to Portsmouth May 25, 1915, when a few hours after he was struck and fatally injured by a street car within a short distance of his home, John M. Williams passed away. As was well stated at the time his activity in business, religious, fraternal and political circles earned him a prominence and high regard in the community that few men attain.

In the steady pursuit of one line of business through many years and by useful and disinterested service in various public offices, he had long been one of Portsmouth's best known and most esteemed citizens. From an humble beginning he rose by his own efforts to a position of commanding influence. His own family has many prominent associations with the Hanging Rock Iron Region, while his wife is a member of the Barber family, whose residence and activities identify it with the earliest times in Southern Ohio.

The late John M. Williams was born at Martins Ferry, Ohio, February 6, 1847, a son of Samuel A. and Harriet (Houston) Williams. On another page will be found a sketch of the late Samuel A. Williams.

When a boy John M. Williams had regular attendance at the local public schools, and the first break in the quiet routine of existence was at the age of eighteen when he enlisted in Company I of the One Hundred and Eighty-ninth Regiment of Ohio Infantry. The war was then in its final period. He joined his command at Columbus, was sent south into Alabama, and continued in service until honorably discharged September 28, 1865. The young soldier returned home and for a time was steamboating on the Ohio River and then was an employe in the rolling mill. August 25, 1869, began his apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade under Robert Baker, at that time one of Portsmouth's leading contractors and builders. After getting his standing as a master carpenter he continued in the business with an exceptional regularity, and has

been one of the best carpenters and builders in this section, his active work as a contractor and builder covering a period of forty-five years. In 1880 he engaged in partnership with Thomas Johnson in the contracting business and the two remained together for several years. Later Mr. Williams acquired an interest in the Smith Lumber Company, but sold out in 1903 and with W. A. Miller formed the Williams-Miller Lumber Company. Two years later he became sole owner and founded the Williams Lumber Company, which was located on the Gallia Pike just east of Young Street. This business he successfully operated until 1912.

In politics Mr. Williams was a stanch republican, and was repeatedly urged by his friends to become a candidate for republican nomination as mayor, but never allowed his name to go before the primaries. Perhaps his best public service was as director of the public service at Portsmouth, a position to which he was appointed by Mayor Tynes in 1912. He filled that office until January, 1914, and retired with an enviable record for honesty and efficiency.

His position among the contractors of the city was well illustrated by the fact that at the time of his death he was president of the Contractors' Association of Portsmouth, and he was also a director in the Portsmouth Savings & Loan Company. Many scores of buildings in and around Portsmouth attest his skill as a contractor and in later years he had the valuable assistance of his sons Samuel and Roy in managing the business. He was still in the harness as a contractor at the time of his death.

It should also be noted as a part of his public record that he served as chief of the fire department of Portsmouth from 1888 to 1892, and was a trustee of the city waterworks from 1894 to 1897. During the administration of Governor McKinley he was deputy inspector of workshops and factories. His high position in the city was given a testimonial after his death when the various city offices were closed during the funeral services and there came from men of all classes tributes of respect and honor to a life which had been led with such signal usefulness. He also kept up associations with army comrades through Bailey Post No. 164, Grand Army of the Republic, and was affiliated with Aurora Lodge No. 48, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Massie Lodge No. 115 of the Knights of Pythias. Only a short time before his death Massie Lodge presented him with a gold medal in recognition of his twenty-five years of active membership. He was a devout member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and gave freely of his money and energy to its upbuilding and welfare, and was a member of the Good Fellowship Sunday-school class of that church. His enterprise and ability were always matched by a generosity, and one notable instance

of this was the service he rendered in rebuilding the church of a colored congregation in the city after the flood of 1913.

On October 22, 1872, Mr. Williams married Alice Dean Barber, and for more than forty years they traveled life's highway together. She was born in Portsmouth, a daughter of Uriah Barber, a native of Scioto County. Her grandfather was Samuel Barber, born in Pennsylvania July 5, 1787. Her great-grandfather was Major Uriah Barber, who was born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, in 1761, and in April, 1778, enlisted with the colonial troops for three months. That was the darkest period of the Revolution. He was in Captain Champlin's company and Colonel Hosterman's regiment. Again in the same year he enlisted, this time for eight months, and in Captain Morrow's company and Colonel Hartley's regiment. Following that came six months with Colonel Hunter's regiment, and later in 1779 he enlisted for six months in Captain Grove's company of Colonel Hunter's regiment. His name is found in the official records of these organizations, which showed strong fighting ability in winning independence. Many years after the war, when past the age of seventy, he applied for a pension on September 30, 1832, and the request was readily granted.

In the meantime Major Barber had become one of the pioneers of the Northwest Territory. In the summer of 1796 he landed at the mouth of the Little Scioto River, proceeded to Old Town, lived in that neighborhood until 1803, and then came to Portsmouth. What the country was like at that time must be left to the more general account found on other pages. Mr. Massie having given him a lot, Major Barber erected a two-story hewed log house, and opened it as a public inn, the first hotel in Portsmouth's recorded history. He also became quite prominent in public affairs. With the prestige of a Revolutionary soldier, he served acceptably as a major of the state militia, and was also trustee of Wayne Township and filled several terms the office of county coroner. His death occurred June 26, 1846, at the age of eighty-five. His burial was with military honors. Col. Peter Kinney, then captain of the local militia, headed his company in the military ceremony. Major Barber married for his first wife Barbara Clingman, daughter of John Michael Clingman, and she was the direct ancestor of Mrs. Williams.

Samuel Barber, grandfather of Mrs. Williams, was a boy when his father came to Ohio, and here he learned the trade of shoemaker. At that time all footwear was made by hand and by custom order, and many shoemakers journeyed about the country devoting a day or more to the requirements of each family. He did his work well and lived at Portsmouth until his death. His remains now rest in Greenlawn Cemetery. He married Violet Swords, who survived him several years. Uriah

Barber, father of Mrs. Williams, when a boy was apprenticed to his uncle, Samuel Swords, to learn the trade of plasterer, and eventually became a successful contractor in that line and followed it the rest of his active career. He died at the age of fifty-six. His widow Rachel lived on to the advanced age of ninety-three. Both were members of the Methodist Protestant Church. They reared seven children: John, Mary, Jim, Alice, William, Kate and Lucy.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams had a fine family of five children named Kate, Samuel A., Alice D., John and Royal A. Kate's first husband was George Wood, an engineer who lost his life in a railway accident, and she is now the wife of Howard N. Francis of Adler, Washington, and has a daughter Lois Miriam by her first husband. Samuel A., who is now connected with the River City Lumber Company of Portsmouth, has a military record, having enlisted April 24, 1898, three days after the declaration of war on Spain, in Company H of the Fourth Regiment of Ohio Infantry, went with his command to Porto Rico and served until honorably discharged on January 21, 1899. By his marriage to Merle Black, Samuel A. has a son named John M. The daughter Alice is the wife of Lloyd J. Moorhead of Portsmouth. The son John lost his life in a railway accident at the age of fifteen. Royal A. married Mary Derman and has a daughter named Alice D.

John F. Ketter. This publication exercises one of its important functions when it enters specific record concerning those sterling and progressive citizens who are representative figures in connection with the various lines of industrial and commercial enterprise in the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and such a one is Mr. Ketter, who is president and manager of the Ketter Buggy Company, which marks one of the important and substantial business enterprises in the city of Ironton.

Mr. Ketter was born at Jackson Furnace, Scioto County, Ohio, on the 26th of April, 1849, a date that indicates that his is the distinction of being a scion of a pioneer family of this favored section of the Buckeye State. He is a son of Henry E. and Mary (Marting) Ketter, both natives of the great Empire of Germany, where the former was born in 1828, and the latter in 1824. Henry E. Ketter was reared and educated in his native land, where he learned the trades of brick and stone mason, and he immigrated to America in 1854, when a young man of about twenty-six years. He became actively identified with the iron industry in the Hanging Rock Region of Ohio in the pioneer days, assisted in the installing of many furnaces and was otherwise prominent as a skilled workman at his trade and in other mechanical lines. He continued to reside in Scioto County until his death, in 1881, and survived by thirty years the wife of

his youth, she having passed away in 1851. Of their four children, the eldest is William, who is a resident of Columbus, Ohio; Mary is the wife of Frederick Graham, of Ironton; John F., of this review, was the next in order of birth; and Henry, who married Miss Maria Shumway, is employed as an expert blacksmith in the plant of the Ironton Portland Cement Company.

John F. Ketter attended the common schools of Scioto County until he was sixteen years of age, and he then entered upon a virtual apprenticeship to learn the carriage and buggy business, by entering the employ of Henry Lively, of South Webster, Scioto County. The contract made between them provided that the young employe should provide for his own clothing and should receive for his services forty dollars and board for the first year, fifty for the second, and sixty for the third. At the expiration of his contract agreement Mr. Ketter went to the city of Portsmouth, where he worked as a journeyman at the carriage-maker's trade, until he had attained to his legal majority. Upon reaching the dignified position thus granting him the right of franchise he gave evidence of his independence, ambition and self-reliance by initiating business on his own responsibility. He established a modest shop and through the efficiency of his work and the fairness of his methods his trade grew apace, with incidental augmenting of his prosperity in financial lines. The major part of his independent business career has had Ironton as its stage, and there, in 1902, he expanded the scope and importance of his business by organizing the Ketter Buggy Company, which is incorporated with a capital stock of $25,000, and of which he has been president and manager from its inception, his technical ability and careful administrative policies having been the prime forces in making the enterprise a substantial success. Dr. Clark Lowry is vice-president of the company, and John W. Ketter, son of the founder, is secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Ketter has shown himself most loyal and public-spirited as a citizen and business man, is a stalwart supporter of the cause of the republican party, served one term as a member of the city council of Ironton, is a member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in their home city. In addition to other realty in Ironton, Mr. Ketter is the owner of his fine residence property at 431 South Sixth Street.

On the 27th of February, 1870, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ketter to Miss Emma Frouein, daughter of the late Frederick Frouein, a prosperous farmer of Scioto County. Of the five children of this ideal union the eldest is John W., who is secretary and treasurer of the Ketter Buggy Company; Frederick M., who is superintendent in the factory of the same company, married Flora Crum, and they have one child; Henry,

who is a carriage trimmer by trade and vocation, and who now resides in the City of San Francisco, California, married Miss Blanche Rowe; Miss Nora holds the position of stenographer in the office of the Ketter Buggy Company; and Minnie is a student in the Ironton public schools.

ELIAS NIGH. Born and reared in Ohio and a scion of one of the honored pioneer families of this favored commonwealth, it was given to Colonel Nigh to confer distinction upon his native state, which shall ever owe to his memory a debt of special honor. As a lawyer, soldier and legislator he wielded large and benignant influence, and his life was guided and governed by the loftiest principles of integrity, the while he had a deep sense of personal responsibility and so ordered his life as to make it a veritable beatitude. Colonel Nigh died at his home in Ironton, Lawrence County, on the 24th of February, 1899, and his memory is revered by all who came within the compass of his strong and noble influence, so that this publication would impair its consistency were there failure to enter a proper memorial tribute.

Colonel Nigh was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, on the 16th of February, 1815, and thus his death occurred about one week after he had celebrated the eighty-fourth anniversary of his birth. His father, Samuel Nigh, was a native of Maryland and came to Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1802, before the admission of the state to the Union. This worthy pioneer lived up to the full tension of responsibilities and vicissitudes incidental to the formative period of Ohio history, was influential in his community, and passed the closing period of his life in Wyandotte County, where he died in 1877, at the age of eighty-three years. From a previously published memoir are taken, with slight paraphrase, the following statements concerning Colonel Nigh:

"As a youth he was employed in business by General Reese, brother-in-law of Senator Sherman, and he passed several years in the home of Mrs. Sherman after the death of her distinguished husband. While thus engaged he diligently employed his time in reading and study. For two years after attaining to his legal majority Colonel Nigh was engaged in business for himself, and he then began the study of law under the preceptorship of Hon. Hocking H. Hunter, of Lancaster, the judicial center of Fairfield County. In the same county he pursued also a classical course in Greenfield Academy, an institution conducted by Professor John Williams, a very accomplished scholar. In the spring of 1843 Colonel Nigh was admitted to the Ohio bar, at Lebanon, Warren County, and in the autumn of this year he located at Burlington, Lawrence County, whence, in 1852, he removed to Ironton, the county seat. He was made colonel in the State militia; he was thrice elected representative

in the Ohio legislature—in 1847, 1859, and 1876. In 1877, as chairman of the standing committee on mines and mining, he introduced a bill to establish a chair of mining and mining engineering in the Ohio Agricultural College; also a bill to consolidate land titles in Ohio. He also prepared, and presented in the house, joint resolutions for the amendment of the state constitution in such manner as to make provision for the organization of its judiciary.

"In 1861, at the inception of the Civil war, Colonel Nigh was tendered the rank of major in the First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and also that of assistant quartermaster of volunteers with the rank of captain. He accepted the latter overture and received his commission in August, 1861, with assignment to General Thomas' division, at Camp Dick Robinson, Kentucky. In the spring of 1862 he was placed on the staff of General Buell, as the chief quartermaster of the Army of the Ohio, and remained until General Buell was relieved from the command, in the following autumn. He was then assigned to duty as depot quartermaster at Louisville, Kentucky, and about this time he was tendered to office of colonel of a new Ohio regiment. He forwarded his resignation as quartermaster, but the government recognized the value of his services in the latter capacity and refused to accept his resignation, with the result that he was soon afterward made chief quartermaster of the Sixteenth Army Corps, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

"In April, 1863, as a further reward for his meritorious services, Colonel Nigh was commissioned assistant quartermaster in the regular army, with the rank of captain. In June, 1864, he was given the additional duty of acting as disbursing officer of the entire Mississippi valley, from Cairo to Natchez. Early in the following month, after having rendered very valuable and distinguished service to his country, Colonel Nigh resigned his office."

Testimonials of appreciation of his services as quartermaster were given in many letters from official and representative sources, and there can be no impropriety in perpetuating in this review certain extracts from some of these letters. Lieut. Col. J. D. Bingham, chief quartermaster of the Department of the Tennessee, under date of June 13, 1864, wrote to Colonel Nigh, relative to the latter's retirement from the post of chief quartermaster of the Sixteenth Army Corps, in the following words: "I regret exceedingly that you are compelled to resign. You have rendered me such valuable assistance and performed your duties in such a satisfactory manner that I fear your place can not be filled in this department."

Gen. S. A. Hurlbut, major general of volunteers, wrote as follows: "Dear Colonel: I can not permit you to go off the military stage with-

out some testimonial from me of my appreciation of your qualities as a man and an officer. I have no hesitation in saying that your duties as a chief quartermaster of the corps were discharged with a punctual fidelity and intelligent foresight and integrity that I have never known equalled. You retire, my dear Colonel, with unblemished honor, with the highest reputation for efficiency and integrity, and with the most complete condence and regard from your commanding general."

In his final settlement with the government, Colonel Nigh's accounts footed up more than six million dollars.

On the 1st of July, 1862, to meet a special exigency, Colonel Nigh ordered a detail of thirty negroes to be enrolled from among the camp followers to man a supply train, the detail of Union soldiers previously ordered for that purpose arriving too late for the train. This was the first instance in which negroes were similarly employed, and Colonel Nigh thus had the distinction of being the man who introduced negro labor into the Union service. This example was immediately followed by other officers, the innovation being made known to and approved by the government authorities at Washington. Soon large bodies of negroes were actively engaged in doing much of post and other labor which had theretofore been performed by details from the volunteer Union ranks.

For several years Colonel Nigh served as a member of the Ironton City Council, being called to the presidency of this municipal body, and also having been chairman of the committee on the construction of the Ironton waterworks. Further evidence of his strong hold upon popular confidence and esteem in his home city was shown in his election to the office of mayor of Ironton.

In 1869 Colonel Nigh was appointed assessor of internal revenue for the Eleventh Ohio district, and he retained this position until the office was abolished, in 1872. All the positions which Colonel Nigh was thus called upon to fill were conferred upon him entirely without his seeking. Shortly after the close of the war he organized the Sheridan Coal Company of which he was president. After the war he brought from the South a number of those pitiable and helpless waifs of humanity, the negroes who had been slaves and had been made homeless and desolate by the Emancipation Proclamation,—a class thus suddenly compelled to depend on their own resources, while previously they had been care-free and without responsibility. Colonel Nigh brought them to Ironton, Ohio, helped them to find homes in a quarter of the town set apart for their exclusive use, and he became at once their guide and counselor, with the result that he became deeply loved and revered by them.

During the flood of 1884 Colonel Nigh devoted all his time and ener-

gies to the alleviation of suffering and the saving of property throughout the devastated district. In this connection he collected through personal effort large sums of money for the benefit of the sufferers.

In politics, it is scarcely necessary to state, Colonel Nigh was a stalwart republican, and in a fraternal way he manifested his deep and abiding interests in his old comrades of the Civil war by retaining affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic. Of him the following consistent estimate has been written: "A leader in all good public works, a lawyer of marked ability, he was privately modest, retiring and unostentatious. The fundamental principles of his religion were honesty, uprightness and absolute justice, with charity to all men. I know of no more fitting words with which to close a brief sketch of this honorable, Christian life than those used by his lifelong friend and admirer, General Sherman, in a toast made to Colonel Nigh during a meeting of the Army of the Cumberland, at Washington, some years ago: 'A man who devoted four years of his life to his country in its greatest need, and saved for it millions of dollars; who may not leave to his children great wealth, but will leave to them that which is a far more precious inheritance, an absolutely honest name.'"

On the 5th of March, 1848, was solemnized the marriage of Colonel Nigh to Miss Alice Henshaw, of Lawrence County, who survived him by several years. They became the parents af eight children: Reese, Samuel Henshaw, Jennie, Julia, Mary, Elizabeth W., Alice Henshaw, and William Henshaw. Reese is deceased, as are also Jennie and Julia, the latter of whom was the wife of Charles B. Taylor. Mary is the wife of E. Stanley Lee, and Alice H. is the wife of John Henry Queal. Samuel H. and William H. are associated in the conducting of an important lumbering business in Ironton and in the State of Kentucky, as will be noted by referring to the sketch of the career of William H. Nigh, on other pages of this work.

William H. Nigh. On preceding pages of this publication is entered a memoir to the late and distinguished Col. Elias Nigh, whose name is held in enduring honor in his native State of Ohio, and whose noble achievements are briefly noted in the circumscribed tribute possible of incorporation in a work of this order. The son William H. is known as one of the representative business men of his native City of Ironton, where he is well upholding the prestige of the family name, but in the article here presented it is unnecessary to repeat the data that are given in the memoir of his honored father, as ready reference may be made to the article mentioned.

William Henshaw Nigh, secretary and treasurer of the Nigh Lumber Company, of Ironton, is thus identified with one of the important industrial enterprises contributing to the commercial prestige of his native city, and the president of the company is his elder brother, Samuel H., the two owning and controlling the business, in which they own equal shares and which has been by them developed to large proportions. William H. Nigh was born in Ironton on the 8th of November, 1868, and continued his studies in the public schools of the city from an early age until he had completed the curriculum of the high school. At the age of eighteen years he became associated with his brother Samuel H., who was engaged in the buying and shipping of lumber, with headquarters at Ironton. At the end of one year William H., then nineteen years old, was sent by his brother to Mississippi to assume the management of a saw mill owned by the latter on the Yazoo River. William H. passed about three years in the supervision of the business in Mississippi and then, in 1890, he became associated with his brother in the purchase of a portable saw mill at Catlettsburg, Boyd County, Kentucky. This mill they continued to operate successfully in that part of the Bluegrass State for four years, and they still have large lumber interests in Kentucky. Mr. Nigh returned to Ironton, the two brothers here erected their present saw mill, at the foot of Ellison Street, in January, 1890, and having placed the same in operation in addition to their lumbering activities in Kentucky. The mill has been kept up to the highest standard and has the capacity for the output of 50,000 feet of lumber a day. Through progressive methods and definite circumspection the enterprise has been built up to a status of marked prosperity and it proves a valuable adjunct to the industrial activities of this section of the Buckeye State, as one of the foremost of its kind in the Hanging Rock Iron Region. The brothers effected the organization of the Nigh Lumber Company, which is incorporated with a capital stock of $10,000, shared equally by the two. The plant and business at Catlettsburg, Kentucky, are conducted under the firm name of S. H. Nigh & Brother. He whose name initiates this review owns a half interest in each of these important business enterprises, as already intimated, and he is likewise associated with his brother in the ownership of a valuable tract of 7,500 acres of timber land in Kentucky. In Ironton he owns his attractive modern residence, known as a center of generous hospitality, besides other houses and lots. Mr. Nigh has proved a reliable and progressive business man and a loyal and public-spirited citizen, with abiding interest in all that pertains to the welfare of his home city and county.

In politics Mr. Nigh is aligned as a supporter of the cause of

the republican party, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic fraternity, in the latter of which he has received the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, besides being affiliated with the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Both he and his wife are zealous communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church and he is a member of the vestry of the parish of his church.

In September, 1899, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Nigh to Miss Josephine Wood, daughter of George and Martha Wood, of Maysville, Kentucky, and the two children of this union are William H., Jr., and Samuel H.

Oscar M. Coburn. Threescore and ten years measures the length of Mr. Coburn's life to the present time, but measured by what he has experienced and accomplished, his career has many distinctions not dependent on the passing of time. Now living retired at Portsmouth, with abundance of material comforts, he spent his youth in the country district of Scioto County, won honors and rank as lieutenant during the war, and later devoted himself to varied business activities in this and other counties of Ohio.

Oscar M. Coburn was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, December 25, 1844, and in the same house was born his father, Arthur A. Coburn, in 1810. The grandfather, a native of Ireland, at the age of twelve came to America with an older brother, who settled in New England. Subsequently Grandfather Coburn made his way into Northwest Territory, settling in what is now Columbiana County, where he secured a tract of timbered land about five miles from Salem and seven miles from Wellsville. Having improved a farm he and his wife lived there until death. Their eight children were James, Thomas, William, Arthur, Samuel, John, Margaret and Sarah.

Arthur A. Coburn was reared and married in his native county and made it his home until 1846. The previous year he had visited Scioto County, and entered a tract of government land in Madison township. He proceeded to clear up five acres, and in the same fall sowed it to wheat and also built a cabin of round logs, with split-puncheon floors, a mud and stick chimney, and the roof was covered with clapboards, rived by hand and held in place by weight poles. The door was also made of a heavy puncheon, with a wooden latch, lifted by a deer thong, and the neighbors afterwards measured the hospitality of the Coburn home by saying "the latch string always is out." When this part of his pioneer home-making was finished, he returned to Columbiana County for the winter, and in the spring embarked his household goods, stock,

farm implements, and family on an Ohio River steamboat, and came down the river to the new settlement. At that time there were no railroads in this section of Ohio, all transportation being by river, canal or highways. Mrs. Arthur Coburn was a type of the old-fashioned housewife. She carded, spun and wove both flax and wool, was the family tailor and dressmaker, and clothed them all in homespun. Mr. Coburn with the assistance of his growing sons, cleared a farm and later built a commodious hewed log house, which he weatherboarded and painted, and in which he lived until his death, in January, 1876.

Arthur A. Coburn married Martha Caldwell. She was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The father, Joseph Caldwell, was born in Scotland, and on coming to this country located in Pittsburg, where for several years he was engaged in the manufacture of axes. Later he moved north of Pittsburg into Mercer County, and bought land that included Sandy Lake, remaining there until his death at a good old age. His wife survived to the remarkable age of ninety-eight. Mrs. Coburn was well educated, and was a teacher before her marriage. She died in July, 1880. Her children were Thomas, Phebe A., James, Harvey, Caldwell, Martha J., Arthur, Oscar M., Robert and Theodore. Four of these sons, including Oscar, were soldiers in the Civil war. Thomas was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, another died at Lexington, Kentucky, while Harvey, who enlisted at the first call and fought in the first Bull Run, was honorably discharged and while coming home was crippled in a railway accident.

Oscar M. Coburn grew up in the community where his parents had settled when he was a child, and got his education from the rural schools. He was not yet seventeen when the war broke out, but he became one of the many boy volunteers who bore the brunt of the task of putting down the rebellion. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company E of the Thirty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was with his command in its various skirmishes, battles and marches until the battle of Perryville, Kentucky. There he received a severe wound, was taken to the hospital at Louisville, and was given an honorable discharge February 27, 1863. Not yet satisfied with soldering, he again enlisted May 9, 1863, this time in Battery F of the First Ohio Heavy Artillery. He went by rail to Lexington, Kentucky, and thence marched to Knoxville, Tennessee, where he arrived the same month, being made corporal in his company. He had been in Knoxville only a short time when he was one of six detailed by General Schofield for secret service. This squad, commanded by George W. Kirk, crossed the mountains to North Carolina, their purpose being to discover a feasible route for an army. A Cherokee Indian was secured for a guide, but lost his way, and for three days they

wandered in the mountains without food. Many of the loyal mountaineers joined in the expedition and piloted the way to Camp Vance, where 354 Confederates were guarding 398 Union prisoners. On reaching that place, Captain Kirk, who then had about ninety men around him, concluded to capture the prison camp. Young Coburn was detailed to take a flag of truce into the camp and demand its surrender. He got into the camp at daybreak while its commander was still in bed. He gave the commander five minutes to answer his demand for surrender, and after a hurried consultation the demand was complied with.

While these things were going on, young Coburn was too busy to write home, and his mother had addressed a letter of inquiry which fell into the hands of Capt. A. B. Cole, of Company F, First Ohio Heavy Artillery, and his reply to her in a letter which she carefully preserved, is an interesting document in Mr. Coburn's career, and the substance of it is copied as follows: The latter was addressed from Knoxville, August 2, 1864, and reads as follows: "Your note to the Christian Commission was put in my hands this moment by one of the agents. You seek information of your son Oscar M. Coburn of my Company F, 1st O. V. H. A. I am surprised at this, for I had supposed that Oscar was very prompt in writing to his friends, and if he was not I know no good reason why you or any of his friends should hesitate for a moment to ask information of his captain, or rather of his former captain, for I am no longer so. Oscar is a first lieutenant in the Third North Carolina Cavalry. Oscar is in excellent good health and in fine spirits, and is a number one soldier. He was in my tent until 11 o'clock last night, and went to town but a few moments since on business for his regiment. We the officers of his former regiment bought and presented him a sword. He is very well liked by his new friends. He went to North Carolina with Colonel Kirk of the Third North Carolina Mounted Infantry on his great raid when they captured Camp Vance and 300 prisoners. They had no white flag to send in when they made the demand for the surrender. Col. Kirk tore the tail or skirt from his shirt, and Oscar carried it in and made the demand for the surrender, which was complied with. In conclusion I would say that Oscar is very capable of taking care of himself, and you should give yourself no unnecessary anxiety on his account," etc.

As the letter explains, after the capture of Camp Vance, Mr. Coburn and his comrades returned to the battery at Knoxville, and soon afterward he was commissioned lieutenant of Company D of the Third North Carolina Mounted Infantry. On December 29, 1864, he was wounded at the battle of Indian Creek, North Carolina, and for thirty-six years

carried the bullet in his body. At the close of hostilities he resigned his command and returned to the homestead farm in Ohio.

After his marriage he began his career as an independent farmer on rented land at Lucasville, but two years later bought a sawmill and was a lumber manufacturer two years. His chief business, however, continuing for twenty-five years was as contractor in the building of roads, railroads, bridges and similar construction work. He then entered the merchandise business in Harrisonville and in Harpster, Wyandotte County, for a year, following which for two years he operated a roller flour mill at Stockdale, in Pike County. He next began investing in farm lands, buying a farm in Madison Township, and in time had about 600 acres. His home was in the country until 1895, when he moved to Portsmouth, bought a house on Summit Street and some unimproved land, and after making some improvements sold and bought 7½ acres of the Young homestead, where he lived until October, 1914, when he moved to New Boston, Ohio. Mr. Coburn has laid out in lots and sold a portion of this city property. At present his only business is in looking after his private interests.

On July 24, 1867, Mr. Coburn married Elizabeth Deemer, who was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Bonzoe) Deemer, natives of the same county. Grandfather Deemer was a native of Germany, while Grandfather Bonzoe was born in France. Mrs. Coburn's parents settled in Madison Township, Scioto County, on a farm, in 1857, and her father died the same year. Her mother died at the Coburn home in 1884 in her eighty-seventh year.

Mr. Coburn and wife have reared five children—Launa M., Lizadore, Ida Florence, Oscar M. and Ernest H. Launa is the wife of John R. Monroe, and their five children are Ida F., who married John Spry and has two daughters, Goldie and Charlotte; Enid, who married Sylvane Portee, and has a son Cullen; John; Edith and Harlan. The daughter Lizadore married John S. Violet, and their four sons are Raymond D., Charles J., Forest C. and Arlin. The daughter Ida is the wife of William M. Brown, and has a daughter Wilma. Oscar M., Jr., married May Wheeler. Ernest married Ethel Dugan.

For many years Mr. Coburn took a prominent part in the affairs of the Grand Army. He was a charter member of Bailey Post No. 164, and later organized Scioto Post at Harrisonville. He is affiliated with the Harrisonville Lodge of Knights of Pythias. He was reared in the Presbyterian Church, while Mrs. Coburn is of the Lutheran Church.

William W. Gates, Jr. Numbered among the representative business men of the City of Portsmouth, Scioto County, Mr. Gates is here

the treasurer of the Irving Drew Shoe Company, which is successfully engaged in the manufacturing of shoes and which represents one of the important industrial enterprises of the city.

Mr. Gates is a scion of a family that was founded in Ohio in the early pioneer days and that found representation in New England in the colonial era of our national history. On a farm one-fourth of a mile distant from the Village of Cheshire, Gallia County, Ohio, William W. Gates, Jr., was born on the 13th of March, 1863, and the place of his nativity was a house that had there been erected by his paternal grandfather. He is a son of William W. and Alvina Elizabeth (Nye) Gates.

William W. Gates, Sr., was born on a pioneer farmstead in the immediate vicinity of Marietta, Washington County, Ohio, on the 16th of October, 1827, and is a son of Samuel Haskell Gates, who was born in the Town of Kingston, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, on the 3d of September, 1792. The latter was a son of John Gates, who became the founder of the family in Ohio, to which state he came in the early part of the nineteenth century and numbered himself among the pioneer settlers of Washington County. There he purchased a tract of heavily timbered land and instituted the reclamation of a farm, this old homestead being situated about one mile northeast of the site of the present courthouse in the City of Marietta. His original domicile was a log cabin, sixteen feet square, with chimney constructed of sticks and mud and with the expansive fireplace that served both for warming and cooking purposes, a pony having been used in dragging the mammoth backlogs into the little building and making them ready for the fireplace. This primitive house continued to be the family home for several years and then a more pretentious structure was provided, though the latter also had no semblance of modern architecture and facilities. John Gates was a man of strong mental and physical power and great sincerity and force of character. He was a deep Bible student and devout Christian worker, and though not regularly ordained he was often called upon to serve as a local preacher. He was one of the influential and honored pioneers of Washington County and there both he and his wife passed the closing years of their lives at Marietta, the maiden name of the latter having been Haskell.

Samuel Haskell Gates, grandfather of him whose name initiates this article, was a youth at the time of the family removal from Massachusetts to the pioneer wilds of Ohio, and he and his brother Eben succeeded eventually to the ownership of their father's old homestead farm, upon which they erected a substantial two-story house of hewed logs, near the site of the original cabin. In Washington County he learned the trade of cooper, which he successfully followed in connec-

tion with his farming industry. Later he purchased another farm in the same vicinity and there he continued to reside until 1835, when he sold the property and removed to Gallia County. In the spring of 1836 he purchased a tract of land in Cheshire Township, where he reclaimed a productive farm and in Gallia County he became also a successful dealer in farm produce, which he transported by flat-boats down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans, in which city he found a profitable market for his produce, besides selling his boats, which were virtually impossible of the return navigation up the river. He made the return voyage to his home by means of the old-time packet steamboats, and he continued to reside on his old homestead in Gallia County until his death, which occurred March 23, 1847. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Wheeler, was born at Rutland, Vermont, and was a daughter of John Wheeler, who set forth for Ohio in company with his family, the household effects having been loaded on a sloop for transportation by the Great Lakes, but disaster having overtaken the little vessel, so that the goods of the sturdy pioneer was lost. Upon his arrival in Ohio Mr. Wheeler established the family home in Licking County, where he passed the residue of his life. Mrs. Mary (Wheeler) Gates survived her husband and was summoned to the life eternal on the 8th of August, 1855, their eight children having been: William W., Henry W., Lucy A., Samuel H., John B., Abbie A., Harriet C. and Franklin O.

William W. Gates, Sr., was reared to manhood under the sturdy discipline of the home farm and finally he removed with his family from Gallia County to West Virginia, where he remained for a comparatively short period. On his return to Ohio he established his residence in Scioto County, where he leased a farm near Portsmouth and for several years there gave his attention to diversified agriculture and stock-growing. Venerable in years, he lived retired in the City of Portsmouth, secure in the high regard of all who knew him until his death, July 7, 1915. His wife was born on a farm near Pomeroy, Meigs County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Melzar Nye, who was born at Litchfield, Connecticut, in 1785, a son of Ebenezer Nye, who likewise was a native of Connecticut and who came thence to the Northwest Territory, then including Ohio, in the year 1790. This was soon after the little settlement had been established at historic old Marietta, Ohio, and in the stockade there established as protection against the Indians he and his family resided five years. Later he purchased a tract of land nine miles distant from the now thriving city of Marietta, on the banks of the Muskingum River, and there he resided many years, as one of the sterling pioneers who aided in the social and material development of the Buck-

eye State in the early stages of its history. He had been a valiant soldier of the Continental Line in the War of the Revolution and he passed the closing period of his long and useful life at Barnesville, Belmont County, where he died in the year 1829. His wife, whose maiden name was Desire Sawyer, had passed to eternal rest in 1800.

Melzar Nye as a boy and youth gained ample experience in connection with the labors and hardships of pioneer life on the embryonic farm of his father, and as a young man he assisted in the making of some of the original surveys in Washington County, where he finally bought a tract of land near his father's homestead. He cleared and otherwise improved much of this land and there remained until 1827, when he sold the property and removed to Meigs County, where he purchased a farm in Salisbury Township. He reclaimed this homestead and on the same passed the residue of his life, his death having occurred when he was eighty-eight years of age. He wedded Miss Phoebe Sprague, who was born in Massachusetts, her ancestors having been numbered among the founders of Hingham, that state, and an excellent genealogical history of this sterling old family having been compiled and published by Warren Vincent Sprague. Mrs. Phoebe (Sprague) Nye was born in 1788 and died at the age of seventy-two years. Her six children who attained to years of maturity were: Mary D., Margaretta Z., Sarah C., Melzar, Almira and Alvira (twins). Alvira, who was the wife of W. W. Gates, Sr., died June 4, 1915.

At this juncture is entered brief record concerning the children of William W. and Alvira Elizabeth (Nye) Gates: Ella is the wife of Irving Drew, the executive head of the Portsmouth Shoe Manufactory which bears his name; Laura is the wife of Stephen Chick, of Portsmouth; William W., Jr., is the immediate subject of this review; Hattie is the wife of Lewis Spencer, of Portsmouth; and Edward S. and John are deceased.

Passing the days of his boyhood on the farm, William W. Gates, Jr., acquired his preliminary education in the district schools and supplemented this by attending the public schools of Portsmouth. At the age of seventeen years he here entered the employ of the Drew-Selby Shoe Company, in various departments of whose factory he gained practical experience in all details of the business. He continued with this concern until the dissolution of the partnership of the principals, in 1902, and he then became associated with Mr. Drew and others in organizing the Irving Drew Company, of which he became treasurer, an office of which he has been the incumbent from the time of the incorporation of the company. He has been one of the influential factors in the development of the large and substantial business of the company and

is known as an able executive as well as a man of broad and accurate knowledge of the practical details of the industrial enterprise with which he is identified.

Mr. Gates is not only one of the substantial business men and liberal and progressive citizens of Portsmouth but has also ordered his life in such a way as to merit and receive the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and both he and his wife are members of the Second Presbyterian Church in their home city, he having served for more than a decade past as superintendent of its Sunday school.

In the year 1888 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gates to Miss Harriet S. Chick, who was born on a farm in Clay Township, Scioto County, and who is a daughter of Charles and Sarah (Lawson) Chick, the former of whom died in 1877 and the latter in 1910.

Charles Chick was born in Gallia County, this state, on the 23d of December, 1823, and was a son of William Chick, a native of Somersetshire, England, where he was born in 1794. In 1817 William Chick, accompanied by his brothers, Charles and John, immigrated to the United States. In his native land he had learned the trade of stonemason, at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, and after coming to America he followed his trade several years, in Scioto County, Ohio. In 1828 he purchased a farm of 500 or 600 acres in the French Grant and removed his family there. In 1846 he purchased a tract of 237 acres, including the present site of the Burgess Steel and Iron Works, but while preparing to move to his new house was taken sick and died at the old homestead in the French Grant, his wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Skinner, having preceded him to the "Great Beyond" the year previous. Both were members of the Baptist Church, in the faith of which they reared their eight children.

Charles Chick devoted his entire active life to agricultural pursuits and became one of the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of Scioto County. He purchased the interests of the other heirs to his father's extensive farm and on the same he continued to reside until his death, his widow having thereafter removed to the City of Portsmouth, where she maintained her home during the residue of her life. In 1854 Charles Chick wedded Miss Sarah Lawson, daughter of John and Rebecca Watson Lawson, June, 1854. Thomas Lawson, grandfather of John Lawson, was a native of Hampshire County, Virginia, and a representative of that fine old commonwealth as a patriot soldier in the War of the Revolution. William Lawson, grandfather of Sarah Lawson, was one of the first settlers in Scioto County, Ohio, having located on the tract of land now occupied by the City of Portsmouth. Michael

Watson, great-grandfather of Mrs. Gates on the maternal side, was a native of Maryland, whence he removed to Kentucky in 1790, and from the latter state he came to Ohio in 1804 and became one of the very early settlers of Adams County, where he continued to reside until his death.

JOHN L. HINZE. Nowhere can be found more attractive homesteads than those that adorn the landscape along the Scioto River. One such farm that adds its measure to the general outlook in Washington Township of Scioto County is owned by John L. Hinze, who has spent all his life since boyhood in this vicinity, and has been known and honored for his success in the fundamental industry of agriculture and for his upright character and good citizenship.

John L. Hinze is a native of the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, where he was born August 23, 1848, about the time of the Revolution which sent so many sterling German-Americans to the New World. His father, John L. Hinze, Sr., was a physician, was born, reared and educated in the same locality, and had a thorough training for his profession. In 1850, accompanied by his family, he came to America, and for eight years was engaged in practice at Clarksburg, then Virgina, and now West Virginia. At the end of that time he returned to Germany, but stayed only a year and a half, when he again came to the United States, and this time found a home in Scioto County. He bought a farm in Union Township, and thereafter combined the practice of medicine throughout the surrounding country with the supervision of his farming interests until his death at the age of seventy-one. Doctor Hinze married Anna Mary Brandt, who was born in Hanover and died when about sixty-five years of age. There are three sons and one daughter: John L.; Frederick, who lives in Pickaway County; Henry, deceased; and Anna, the wife of William Buffinger, of Washington Township.

John L. Hinze was about two years old when the family first came to America, and attended the schools of Virginia for several years, had part of his education in Germany, and was in school at Portsmouth until ready to take up the serious responsibilities of life. In the meantime he had assisted in the duties of the farm in Scioto County, and at the age of twenty-one started out independently. Though he had little to begin with and has worked out his own destiny, his success is not less substantial than that of many men better favored at the beginning. He farmed as a renter for about three years, and then invested his surplus in his present farm. It is located on the Galena Pike, and 100 acres lie in the rich and fertile Scioto Valley. During

his ownership some substantial buildings have been erected, including a frame residence, with two barns, and cribs with capacity of 6,000 bushels of corn on the cob. The buildings and their grounds are all in the Village of Rapptown, which is an addition to Davis Division. The location is on the west side of Galena Pike, and it commands a fine view of the Scioto Valley and the region beyond.

Mr. Hinze was first married in 1871 to Elizabeth Malone. She was born in Washington Township, a daughter of Isaac and Mary Ann (Utt) Malone, her father of Scotch-Irish and her mother of German ancestry. Mrs. Hinze died in 1908, leaving the following children: Essie, Ida, John, Tracey, Homer, Carrie, Archie, Mabel and Glen. The daughter Essie married John Seymour and has one child, Elizabeth. Ida married Edward Long. Mabel is the wife of George Chackart, and has a daughter named Alna Lorene. John married Lola Seymour, and has a son, Ralph. Tracey married Miss Rose, and their two sons are Stanley and Cecil. Carrie married Esse Hill and has a daughter named Garnet.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Hinze married Mrs. Elizabeth (Graham) Deal. She was born in Washington Township, a daughter of Peter Noel Graham, who was a native of Union Township and his parents, James and Margaret (Noel) Graham, were among the pioneers of Scioto County. Peter N. Graham was a man of superior education for his time. During his residence in Washington Township from the age of sixteen until his death at sixty-four he proved himself a successful farmer and was honored with a number of local offices. He married Margaret Utt, who was born in Pennsylvania, came to Ohio at the age of seven with her parents, and died at the age of thirty-nine. Mrs. Hinze's first husband, Henry Deal, a native of Kentucky, operated a stone quarry on Cary's Run for several years before his death, which occurred at the age of forty-one. Mrs. Hinze by her first marriage has four children, named Clara Belle, Elizabeth M., Henry V. and Wilber P.

Mr. Hinze's parents were faithful members of the Lutheran faith, but as there is no church of that denomination in Washington Township he has united with and worships in the Old Town Methodist Episcopal Church.

John Wittman. One of the oldest men in Jackson County is John Wittman, who has lived in this part of Ohio more than three-quarters of a century. His years of activity were spent as a farmer, and have been fruitful in the things that go with material prosperity and also

in the honor paid a good citizen who rears a family of useful men and women.

John Wittman was born near Allentown, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1830, and is now eighty-six years old. His father was Henry Wittman, a native of Pennsylvania, while the grandfather saw service as a teamster in the army of General Washington, and was at Valley Forge during that memorable winter that passed with so much suffering to the American troops and with so much gloom to all the hard-pressed colonies. Henry Wittman for an occupation learned the trade of shoemaker. There were no shoe factories then, turning out footwear by machinery, and the cobbler was a useful man in every community, did all his work by hand, and made boots and shoes only by order. In 1838 he left Pennsylvania with his family and came to Ohio. No railroads had yet been built west of the Alleghenies, and the journey was made by wagon and canal boat. They tarried awhile in Stark County, then went to Columbus, and on reaching Piketon took a team and wagon for the rest of the distance to Jackson County. Their location was in Scioto Township, where several Pennsylvania German families had preceded them. There Henry Wittman bought a tract of timber land, erected a log cabin, and that was the first home of the Wittmans in Ohio. The winter months were spent in cobbling for the settlers, while the rest of the year he spent in clearing off his land and tilling the soil. Henry Wittman died in that locality after a life of nearly eighty years. The maiden name of his wife was Lizzie Morey, a native of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. She died soon after coming to Ohio, but six of her children grew up, as follows: Mary, Catherine, Jesse, Elizabeth, William and John.

John Wittman, the only survivor of this family, was reared to the vocation of agriculture, and for an education had to depend upon the primitive instruction of subscription schools. After reaching manhood he bought an unimproved farm near the old home, and for many years was busied with its clearing and cultivation. He still lives there, and in spite of his age is a hale and clear-minded old man.

John Wittman married Elizabeth Ann Elick, who was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1842. Her father, David Elick, was born in Germany, came to America in young manhood, and was employed in the iron works at Portsmouth, which city was his home until his death. Both he and his wife, whose maiden name was Anna Leser, died of the cholera in 1854. They left six children. Their son, David Elick, was well known in Portsmouth, where for years he published the Tribune, but in 1883 moved to Minneapolis, where he and Mr. Alvord founded the Commercial Bulletin.

Elizabeth Ann Elick was a small child when her mother died, and she made her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leser, until her marriage. She died in 1910 at the age of sixty-eight. She was the mother of ten children, all of whom live to revere her memory. Their names are: Hattie, Ann, James D., John H., Frances E., George B., William J., Harry S., Cecilia C. and Jessie M.

James D. Wittman. One of the sons of John Wittman, whose career and family lineage are sketched above, is James D. Wittman, now secretary and treasurer of the Morning Star Publishing Company of Portsmouth, and for many years active in newspaper work.

He was born in October, 1866, in Scioto Township of Jackson County, and spent his early life on the homestead still occupied by his father. The rural schools gave him his first instruction, and later he was a student in the Jackson Academy and in 1888 graduated from the National Normal University at Lebanon. His work, which he followed for several years, was teaching, and he was connected with the schools of Jackson County. From that he turned his attention to journalism, and for fourteen years was editor of the Jackson Herald. In 1914 he came to Portsmouth, and became one of the founders of the Morning Star, and is now secretary and treasurer of the company that publishes that paper.

Fraternally he is a member of Trowel Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of the Royal Arch Chapter and the Council, and of Jackson Commandery of Knights Templar; also of Theseus Lodge, Knights of Pythias. Mr. Wittman was married July 26, 1900, to Clara F. Drake, who was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, a daughter of Francis and Lyphenia E. (Shaw) Drake, who were natives of Plymouth, Massachusetts.

George B. Wittman. Some of the best qualities of farming and general business enterprise are represented in the career of George B. Wittman, who is known pretty generally throughout both Jackson and Scioto counties, and is one of the largest farmers in Nile Township of the latter county. Mr. Wittman is a son of John Wittman, one of the oldest residents of Jackson County, a sketch of whom is given in preceding paragraphs.

George B. Wittman was born in Scioto Township of Jackson County, October 28, 1873. His boyhood associations revolve about that locality and the old homestead farm, and while growing to manhood he attended the rural schools and got a practical training as a farmer. Farming was his regular business until 1899, at which time he opened a stock

of general merchandise at what was then called Whitman but is now Glade Station. Besides general merchandise he was also in the lumber business, and was the principal merchant of that little community until 1912. He then removed to farm he still occupies, in Nile Township, where he has 500 acres, a portion of it in the fertile bottoms along the river. Few farms in the township measure up to the general standard of improvement and management maintained by Mr. Wittman. His residence, built of stone, is one of the interesting landmarks of that community, and is one of the oldest homes still standing and in use in the county. While superintending the cultivation of his farm to general crops, Mr. Wittman is also clearing off the timber, which is being sawed into lumber for the local markets.

Mr. Wittman was married in 1903 to Miss Blanche Gordon, a woman of education and culture, who has since presided over his home. She was born in Stockdale, Pike County, Ohio, a daughter of William B. and Mary Gordon. To their marriage have been born two children, Huber and Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Wittman are members of the McKendree Methodist Episcopal Church, while he affiliates with Alhambra Lodge, Knights of Pythias. Politically a democrat, he cast his first vote for William J. Bryan.

Ernst Horschel. Successfully conducting one of the attractive and popular meat markets of the city of Ironton, Mr. Horschel has shown marked ability and circumspection in catering to the demands of an appreciative patronage and is one of the substantial and loyal business men of the Iron City.

Mr. Horschel was born in Germany, on the 16th of June, 1844, and is a son of Frederick and Barbara (Blackschmidt) Horschel, who passed their entire lives in the German Fatherland, where the father was a farmer and butcher, his birth having occurred in 1803, and his death in 1871, in which year occurred also the death of his wife, who was born in 1798 and who was thrice married, the name of her first husband having been Horn, and that of her second husband Cronacher. Henry Horn was the only child of the first marriage, and Frederick Cronacher the one child of the second marriage. Of the six children of the third union, Ernst Horschel, of this review, is the only one living, he being the youngest of the number. The names of the deceased children were as here noted: Andrew, Ernestina, Sophia, Edward, Rosina and Ernst.

Ernst Horschel attended the schools of his native land until he was fourteen years of age, and thereafter he was employed at farm work and in the butcher shop of his father until 1864, when, at the age of twenty years, he immigrated to the United States. He made Ironton, Ohio, his

destination and here he found employment in the meat market conducted by his two half-brothers, Henry Horn and Frederick Cronacher. In 1884 he opened a market of his own, and he has since continued without interruption in the meat-market business in Ironton, being now the pioneer representative of this line of enterprise in the city and having won success through industry, careful management and reliable service.

Retaining the best traditions of his native land, Mr. Horschel has entered fully into the progressive spirit of the United States and is emphatically loyal and appreciative as an American citizen. He is aligned as a supporter of the republican party, and he and his family are communicants of the Lutheran church. Mr. Horschel has been ambitious and self-reliant and has made good use of the advantages afforded in the land of his adoption, with the result that his material success is on a parity with his personal hold upon popular confidence and good will. He is a stockholder in the Masting Steel Company, the Foster Stove Company, the Citizens' National Bank of Ironton, and a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of this city, besides which he is the owner of valuable real estate, including twenty-four acres of attractive hill land in Upper township, a residence and business building at 272 South Third Street and three business blocks opposite his meat market building on South Third Street.

On the 18th of June, 1869, at the home of the bride's parents, in Scioto county, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Horschel to Miss Elizabeth Froncin, daughter of the late Frederick Froncin, and she has proved his valued helpmeet and devoted companion during the long intervening years. Concerning their children, the following brief record is given in conclusion of this sketch: Ernst F., who is the manager of the Ironton Automobile Garage, wedded Miss Anna Gills, and they have two children; Henry C., who is associated with his father in the meat-market business, married Miss Lizzie Mahoney, and they have one child; Frederick F., who is engaged in the insurance business and is serving as city treasurer of Ironton, married Miss Ida Delaney, and they have two children; Ernestine, who remains at the parental home, is a talented artist who devotes special attention to china painting; and Jacob is likewise associated with his father's business.

George Mayne, chief of the department of police of the city of Ironton has won promotion to the head of his department both because of his fearlessness as an officer and his executive talents. A native of Ironton, he has been connected with the police force for a period of seventeen years, and his record is one of which any official might well be proud.

Chief Mayne was born February 3, 1868, and is a son of John C. and Luema (Rowe) Mayne.

John C. Mayne was born near Blossburg, Pennsylvania, in 1835, and in his native locality was engaged as a teamster and rolling mill man. Subsequently he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of the Forty-fifth Kentucky Mounted Infantry. After serving for eighteen months under arms he was made a teamster, and so completed his military service, being thus engaged for two years. Following his honorable discharge, Mr. Mayne came to the Hanging Rock Region, about the year 1865, and here continued to follow rolling mill work during the balance of his active career. Mrs. Mayne was born in Pike county, Kentucky, in 1840, and was eighteen years of age when she came to Ironton, Ohio, where she still makes her home. She has been the mother of six children, as follows: John A., George, Thomas R., Charles A., Esther A. and Grace.

George Mayne received only ordinary educational advantages in the public schools, for at the age of twelve years he laid aside his books to begin to learn the trade of cooper. He continued to be employed at that vocation for some thirteen years, and then entered the rolling mills, where he remained three years. In 1897 Mr. Mayne qualified for the police force of Ironton and began his duties in that year, and as a tribute to his character as a brave, active and efficient officer, he speedily won promotion until February 13, 1914, he reached the height of his deserved promotions, being appointed chief of police. He has since demonstrated a marked administrative ability, and has instilled a new spirit of earnestness and reform into the service.

Chief Mayne was married February 11, 1898, at Ironton, to Miss Emma Evans, daughter of Evan Evans of this city, and six children have been born to this union: Newell E., George E., Irving, Ruth, Elizabeth, and Avonell, of whom Ruth is deceased. Politically, Chief Mayne is a republican. With his family, he attends the Baptist church, in the work of which he has been active. He owns an attractive home and spends much of his time there, but is also fond of the companionship of his fellows and is a popular member of the Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Junior Order United American Mechanics. When he can spare the time from his arduous official duties he takes hunting trips and fishing excursions into the mountains, always accompanied by his family.

Charles F. Miller. A resident of Ironton since 1871, Charles F. Miller has been long identified with the business interests of this city, and through enterprise, industry and good management has gained a

place for himself among the substantial class of citizens. He is a native of Germany, born at Worms, November 29, 1848, and is a son of Charles F. and Kathryn (Mumm) Miller. His father, a police officer in Germany, never came to the United States, passing away in 1860, at the age of fifty years. The mother, born in Germany in 1830, survived until 1902. There were four children in the family: William, Louisa, Elsie and Charles F.

Charles F. Miller attended the public schools of his native land until reaching the age of twelve years, at which time his father died and he was forced to go to work in order to assist in the support of the family. Learning the tinner's trade, he worked thereat in Germany until 1866, and in that year, deciding that opportunities for success were greater in America, came to this country and settled at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, that city being his home until 1868. Following this he spent three years at Marietta, Ohio, but in 1871 came to Ironton, and here worked at his trade as a journeyman until 1891, when, with Joseph Marquard as a partner, he established a business of his own. The firm of Miller & Marquard grew and prospered until 1901, when Mr. Marquard died, and since that time Mr. Miller has continued the business alone. He has been very successful, and feels that prosperity has come to him because he has endeavored faithfully to give full value for every dollar received by him, and to give his own personal attention to details of the business. In addition to his place of business, on South Second Street, Mr. Miller owns his own home at No. 257 South Seventh Street. He is a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce, and in numerous ways has assisted in the growth and development of his adopted city, where he has resided for so many years. He is a democrat, but not a politician, and has never asked favors of his party. Mr. Miller is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic congregation and of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Miller was married April 23, 1872, at Marietta, Ohio, to Miss Barbara Schillott, daughter of John Schillott, and seven children were born to this union: Clara, who married Matthew O'Shaunessy, a clerk at Columbus, Ohio, and has four children: Miller M., Mary, Kathryn, and Jack; George, who married Nellie Gillman, a salesman and lives in California; Emory, who married Lena Heitsman, is a tinner in partnership with his father, and has one child, Charles J.; Otto, who is deceased; Karl, who is single and resides with his parents; Helen, who married Elmer Anderson, now employed by the Union Gas and Fuel Company at Huntington, West Virginia; and Ida, who is deceased. The members of this family are all widely known and highly esteemed.

JOHN D. HELBLING. The reputation of the successful general contractors of the Hanging Rock Region is not made in a day, prosperity in this broad field demanding not alone unusual abilities, but thorough training and broad experience. Commencing in business at Ironton some twenty-two years ago, John D. Helbling has steadily advanced to the front in reputation and the legitimate rewards of such a standing, and as a member of the firm of Wileman & Helbling shares in the prosperity that has come to one of Ironton's progressive ventures. Mr. Helbling was born November 15, 1864, in Brown County, Ohio, and is a son of Michael and Kathryn (Ring) Helbling.

Michael Helbling was born in Pennsylvania, in 1837, and for many years was engaged in the manufacture of bricks, but since 1911 has lived retired from active pursuits, and now makes his home at Ironton. Mrs. Helbling, who was born in Germany, in 1838, and came to the United States in girlhood, died in 1912, having been the mother of nine children, as follows: May; John D., of this review; Nicholas H., who is deceased; Margaret; William; Kathryn; Flora; Charles D., and Luella, who is deceased. Until reaching the age of fifteen years, John D. Helbling attended the public schools of Ironton, and at that time began to learn the trade of brick mason, working in his father's brick yard and continuing to be thus engaged until 1892. In that year he formed a partnership with Harry Wileman, under the firm style of Wileman & Helbling, and they have since carried on a prosperous and constantly increasing business, their plant and stock now being valued at $7,000. Mr. Helbling is a business man of more than ordinary ability, and his standing is that of one who adheres to the strictest principles of integrity and honorable dealing. Although he devotes the greater part of his attention to his brick manufacturing and general contracting business, he also has other interests, is a stockholder of the Ironton Artificial Stone Company, and owns his own residence on South Third Street and a residence property in the same locality. He is a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce, and his fraternal connection is with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. With his family, he attends St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Movements calculated to benefit his adopted city and its people always find in him a stalwart supporter, but he has taken no active part in politics save as a republican voter.

On July 12, 1892, at the home of the bride, Mr. Helbling was united in marriage with Miss Kathryn Spanner, daughter of Conrad Spanner, of Ironton, and to this union there have come three children: Frances, Cecelia, and Emerson. The children have all been given good educational

advantages, and the Misses Helbling hold positions as stenographers in the office of the C. & O. Railway. The family home is at No. 196 South Third Street.

Joseph J. Abele. Though he is able to claim the fine old Keystone State of the Union as the place of his nativity, this well-known citizen and representative business man of Ironton, Lawrence County, has resided in this city since he was a boy of five years, and here he has found opportunity for the achieving of marked success along normal and productive lines of enterprise, the while he has never permitted himself to be deflected in the least from the straight course of industry and integrity, with the result that he has not been denied the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem. Mr. Abele owns and operates a well equipped and thoroughly modern planing mill and manufactory of sash, doors and blinds, the plant representing a valuation of about $9,000, and here he has built up a large and prosperous business, the scope and importance of which give him place as one of the substantial and influential business men of the thriving city of Ironton.

Joseph J. Abele was born in the immediate vicinity of the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of July, 1856, and is a son of Andrew and Nancy (Bulsinger) Abele, both natives of Germany, where the former was born in 1835, and the latter in 1848. The marriage of the parents was solemnized in their native land, whence they immigrated to America in the early '50s. They continued their residence in Pennsylvania until about the time of the inception of the Civil war, when they came to Ironton, Ohio, where Andrew Abele for many years held the position of superintendent of the yards of the firm of Wise & Worner, who operated the first planing mill in Ironton. In this city he continued to maintain his home, a sterling and honored citizen, until the close of his life, in 1909, his loved and cherished wife having been summoned to eternal rest in the preceding year, so that, after long years of loving companionship, they were not long separated in death. Of their eight children four are living: Joseph J., Cynthia, John, and George.

Joseph J. Abele, as previously stated, was five years of age at the time of the family removal from Pennsylvania to Ironton, and to the public schools of this city he is indebted for his early educational advantages, the discipline having been effectively supplemented by the lesson gained in the practical school of experience. At the age of thirteen years Mr. Abele began working in a saw mill, and he continued to be identified with various phases of lumber manufacturing until 1905, when he initiated an independent career by leasing the planing mill of the Ironton Lumber Company. This he operated about eighteen months and he then

purchased his present plant, in 1907, since which year he has here carried forward a specially prosperous business, his patronage being firmly based upon effective service and fair and honorable dealings. Mr. Abele gives close and effective attention to his business but does not permit the same to so hedge him in that he fails to accord loyal support to enterprises and movements tending to advance the social and material welfare of his home city, where he is known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen and as a stalwart supporter of the cause of the democratic party. In addition to his manufacturing plant he is the owner of the residence property which constitutes the attractive family home, and he is an active member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic Church, as members of the parish of St. Joseph's Church, and he is affiliated with the Knights of St. George.

On the 15th of July, 1878, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Abele to Miss Emma Mary Hubbard, daughter of the late Michael and Eliza (Meyer) Hubbard, of Kelley's Mills, Lawrence County, and all of the four children remain at the parental home: Mary, who is a dressmaker by vocation; Charles, who is associated with his father in business; and Alma and Julius.

Moses Greenberg. For many years the United States and its business opportunities have been exploited in other lands, and to this country's shores have come people of every land to take advantage of these. A welcome has been extended to all, and many of the prosperous citizens of our most thriving communities are those of foreign birth. A native of Russia, R. Greenberg came to America in young manhood, and after some experience in various other sections, finally settled permanently at Ironton, Ohio, where he has since developed an excellent business and has taken his place among the men who are maintaining the city's prestige in commercial circles.

Mr. Greenberg was born in Russia, January 20, 1866, and is a son of Joseph Greenberg, who was born in that country in 1803. The father was a teacher by vocation, and never came to the United States, dying in his native land in 1896. Mr. Greenberg never knew a mother's care, for she died when he was an infant, he being the youngest of a family of five children. He was educated in Russia, largely under his father's preceptorship until thirteen years of age, and at that time began to share responsibilities with his brothers and sisters in the support of the family. When nineteen years old he went to Turkey, which country he made his home until coming to America in 1888. For one year after his arrival he resided at Cincinnati, Ohio, and then went to Indian Territory, where he established himself in the general merchandise business and remained

until 1896, meeting with a fair measure of success. In that year he returned to Cincinnati, but in 1899 came to Ironton, where he engaged in the scrap iron and second-hand business, in which he has continued to the present time. This venture, commenced in a modest way, steadily grew under Mr. Greenberg's native industry and business ability, and is now one of the thriving enterprises of Ironton. He deals in wholesale hides, wools, scrap iron, metals, furs, roots, ginseng, beeswax, rubber and second-hand machinery, and is the owner of his own business property on North Second Street, in addition to a comfortable, modern residence at No. 208 South Fifth Street. Mr. Greenberg is a stockholder in the Home Telephone Company and a director in the Ironton Malleable Iron Works. He holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce. His religion is that of the Jewish faith, and his political belief that of the republican party, although political matters have played little part in his life here. His success is well merited and has been gained through constant and sturdy application, good business ability and honorable dealing with those who have been associated with him in transactions.

Mr. Greenberg was married June 30, 1890, to Miss Rosie Lapin, at that time a resident of Covington, Kentucky, but a native of Germany. They have had one child, who died in infancy.

Harry H. Campbell. A man of marked prominence in business, political, church and social circles, Harry H. Campbell has been an important factor in the substantial growth and development of Ironton, and as president of the Ironton Wood Mantel Company, is the directing head of an enterprise that contributes substantially to the prestige of this city as an important business center. Mr. Campbell has been a resident of the city all of his life, having been born here May 17, 1853, and is a son of Hiram and Elizabeth (Woodrow) Campbell.

Hiram Campbell was born at Blue Lick Springs, back of Maysville, Kentucky, in 1812, and as a young man migrated to Ohio, where for a long period of years he was identified with iron furnaces and was known as a substantial and resourceful business man. In his later years he retired with a competency, and lived quietly until his death, which occurred in 1896. Mrs. Campbell was born at Hillsboro, Ohio, in 1816, and is also deceased, she being the mother of four children, namely: Marie, who became the wife of J. H. Moulton and now resides at Ironton; John W., whose home is in Virginia; Joseph H., of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Harry H.

Harry H. Campbell received his education in the public schools of Ironton, and at the Miami University, and as a young man joined his father in business. Subsequently he embarked in ventures of his own,

and eventually became the founder of the Ironton Wood Mantel Company, which he has since continued to conduct with much success. He is a stockholder in the Ohio Iron and Coal Company, and has various other interests of an important character, and has evidenced his confidence in the future of Ironton by investing in property here, owning his own home and two other houses and lots. He has done much to advance Ironton's interests in a business way, and has been one of the most active members of the Chamber of Commerce, with which he has been connected since its inception. A republican in politics, he has stood high in the councils of his party, and for eight years has served conscientiously and capably as a member of the city council, winning re-election by reason of his support of his fellow-citizens' interests and privileges. Always an active, virile man, Mr. Campbell has found much pleasure in out-door sports. Educational and religious movements have in him a stanch supporter, and he holds membership in the Presbyterian church, where he is serving in the dual capacity of elder and treasurer.

On May 27, 1878, at the home of the bride, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Bixby, daughter of E. Bixby, a resident of Ironton. Six children have been born to this union, namely: Marian, who became the wife of R. E. Mitchell, a professional singer of Ironton, and has four children: Gordon, Edwin, Elizabeth, and an infant; Lawrence, who was married June 27, 1907, to Alice Clarke, daughter of C. C. Clarke, a prominent business man of Ironton, and has one child, Rolston C.; Henry, and Frank, who are single and reside with their parents; and two children who are deceased.

Frank F. Phillips. The active business life of Frank F. Phillips has been connected with the most important period in the development of Ironton and is linked with the founding of one of those industries which have stimulated the city's growth and have been the basis of its manufacturing prestige. His is a career eminently worthy of emulation. Commencing life in practical obscurity and modest circumstances, laboring in humble positions with steady industry, and practicing economy and sobriety, at length he has seen his arduous efforts bear fruit and has profited beyond the fortunes of most men in the value which a growing community confers upon a fortunate location.

Frank F. Phillips was born in Pike County, Ohio, October 7, 1873, and is a son of John and Harriet (Moore) Phillips. John Phillips was born at Lancaster, Ohio, in 1843, and in young manhood learned the trade of blacksmith, which he was following at the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted for service in the Thirty-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After completing a very creditable military service,

Mr. Phillips returned to his Ohio home and again engaged at his trade, but in 1873 came to the Hanging Rock Region, establishing the Phillips Buggy Works, on South Second Street, Ironton, of which his son, Frank F., is now the owner. Mr. Phillips continued to be connected with this business during the remaining years of his life, and died in July, 1910. He became a substantial and influential citizen of his community, took an interest in its advancement and welfare, and won the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens through a life characterized by industry and integrity. The mother, who was born at Lancaster, Ohio, in 1847, died in February, 1912. There were five children in the family: Maggie R., who is deceased; Harry L., John H., Frank F., and Walter M.

The primary schools of Ironton furnished Frank F. Phillips with his early education, but when fourteen years of age laid aside his school books to enter his father's carriage factory, which business he has continued to be connected with to the present time. In 1910, at his father's death, he was made manager of the plant, and July 1, 1913, became sole owner thereof when he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the business. Possessing in large degree the energetic and enterprising traits of his father's character, he has continued to make the venture a successful and paying one, and his activities have resulted in broadening the scope and nature of the business. The plant is valued in the neighborhood of $15,000, having modern machinery and equipment, and the product of the factory is of such excellent character that Phillips buggies are known all over the state. Mr. Phillips is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and has taken an active and interested part in the movements which have made for Ironton's advancement along the lines of education and religion. With his family, he attends the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He is independent in his political views.

Mr. Phillips was married May 15, 1912, at Ironton, to Miss Beulah Wyatt, daughter of Joseph and Mary Wyatt, and to this union there has come one son, Frank F., Jr. Mr. Phillips is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, but is essentially a home man and there spends practically all of his leisure time.

Nathaniel K. Moxley, M. D. The best criterion by which to judge the technical ability and personal popularity of any physician and surgeon is that afforded in the extent and importance of the practice controlled by him, and from this viewpoint Dr. Moxley is to be designated with all consistency as one of the representative members of his profession in the Hanging Rock Iron Region. He is engaged in active general practice in the City of Ironton, has a substantial and representative clientage and is a citizen whose genial personality and intrinsic civic

loyalty have gained to him inviolable place in popular esteem in his native city and county, where his status renders impossible any application of the aphorism that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country."

Doctor Moxley was born at Ironton, Lawrence County, on the 18th of May, 1860, a date that indicates that the family name became identified with the history of this section of the Buckeye State more than half a century ago. He is a son of Dr. Nathaniel K. Moxley, Sr., and Sophia (McConnell) Moxley, the former of whom was born in Tunbridge, Orange County, Vermont, on the 8th of February, 1818, and the latter of whom was born in Scioto County, Ohio, in 1829. The senior Doctor Moxley came to Ohio in 1843 and in 1847 he became a pioneer physician in Scioto County, where his marriage was solemnized in the following year. In 1852 he removed with his family to Ironton, where he became a prominent and honored representative of his profession and achieved high reputation as one of the able physicians and surgeons of this part of the state. Loved by all who had come within the sphere of his influence, this sterling pioneer continued his residence in Ironton until his death, in 1895, his widow surviving him by a decade and being summoned to the life eternal in 1906. Dr. Nathaniel K. Moxley, Sr., served many years as a member of the board of school examiners for Lawrence County, was county physician during the period of the Civil war, and was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The names of both him and his noble wife merit enduring place on the roll of the honored pioneers of Ironton, which was a mere village when they here established their home. Of the four children the eldest is Miss Alice M., who still resides in Ironton; Clara A. is the wife of Harry Kinkade, of Marysville, Union County; Nathaniel K., Jr., of this review, was the next in order of birth and his name is still enrolled on the list of eligible bachelors in Lawrence County; and Lucy M., likewise unmarried, maintains her home at Ironton.

Dr. Nathaniel K. Moxley, Jr., continued to attend the Ironton public schools until he had completed the curriculum of the high school, in which he was graduated in 1878. In futherance of his plan to adopt the profession that had been signally dignified and honored by the services of his father, he was matriculated in the Miami Medical College, in the City of Cincinnati, and in this institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1883, with the concomitant reception of the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the long intervening period of more than thirty years the doctor has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Ironton, where he has not only maintained but added new laurels to the professional reputation of the name which he bears. He has given

special attention to the diagnosis and treatment of the diseases of children, in which branch of professional work he has been most successful and is a recognized authority, no attention having been given by him to surgical work since the earlier period of his professional career. He has served for a total of seven years as county coroner, having been the incumbent at different intervals, and for eight years he was retained in the office of city health officer of Ironton, his labors having been admirable in the promotion of sanitary conditions and measures and thus in safeguarding the health of the community. He is actively identified with the Lawrence County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, besides which he is serving as a member of the Board of United States Pension Examining Surgeons for Lawrence County.

Doctor Moxley is found aligned as a stanch supporter of the principles of the republican party, is a member of the Congregational Church, holds membership in the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, and is a life member of Ironton Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he has served as exalted ruler. The doctor has become widely known throughout this section of Ohio and it may consistently be said that his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances.

Victor E. Krell. There can be no measure of inconsistency in referring to the line of enterprise of which Mr. Krell is an able and popular representative as one of the "public utilities" in the City of Ironton, where he is a member of the firm of Klein & Krell, engaged in the bakery business, with an establishment that is essentially modern in all equipments and facilities and that caters to a large and appreciative patronage in the Iron City, the thriving metropolis of the Hanging Rock Iron Region. Mr. Krell has proved himself an enterprising and substantial business man of Ironton and his success is the more gratifying to note by reason of the fact that he has achieved the same entirely through his own efforts, the while he has so guided and governed his course as to merit and receive the unequivocal confidence and good will of those with whom he has come in contact in the various relations of life.

Born in Germany, on the 22d of June, 1870, Victor E. Krell was the fourteenth in order of birth in a family of fifteen children, and he was but five years old when both of his parents died, in 1875, their entire lives having been passed in their native land, where the father was a teacher. Mr. Krell is a son of Jacob and Amelia (Helfrich) Krell, and of the family he is one of the children who have established homes in the United States. After the death of his parents Mr. Krell was reared by his

elder brothers and sisters and afforded the advantages of the schools of the Fatherland until he had attained to the age of fourteen years, his studies having included a course in the gymnasium, the practical German equivalent of the American high school. Not a little courage, self-reliance and youthful enthusiasm must have been manifested by Mr. Krell when, as a lad of fourteen years, he severed the ties that bound him to home and native land and came valiantly to the shores of America, with the determination to win for himself success worthy of the name—the success of independence and usefulness. He established his residence in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, soon after his arrival in the United States, and there he served a thorough apprenticeship to the baker's trade, in all phases and details of which he is now a recognized authority. He was employed as a journeyman at his trade, principally in Cincinnati, until 1911, when he formed a partnership with Frederick J. Klein, under the firm name of Klein & Krell, and founded the present bakery business conducted by them with marked success. The firm have augmented their facilities with the increasing expansion of their business and the products of their well appointed establishment constitute its best advertising medium, the while both of the interested principals have a secure place in the confidence and esteem of their many patrons. Mr. Krell has been an assiduous worker, believes in work and knows the value of work. Such are the men to whom success is a natural prerogative, and such are the citizens who foster general progress and prosperity in any community.

While essentially loyal and appreciative as a citizen of the United States, Mr. Krell has been satisfied to maintain himself virtually independent of strict partisan dictates in politics and has supported the men and measures approved by his judgment. Both he and his wife are devout communicants of the Catholic Church and in Ironton they are members of the parish of St. Joseph's Church. Mr. Krell has identified himself fully and without reservation with the spirit of American customs and institutions, but he naturally has an abiding affection for and appreciation of the land of his nativity, and he has indulged himself in five different visits to the old home in Germany since he established his residence in the United States.

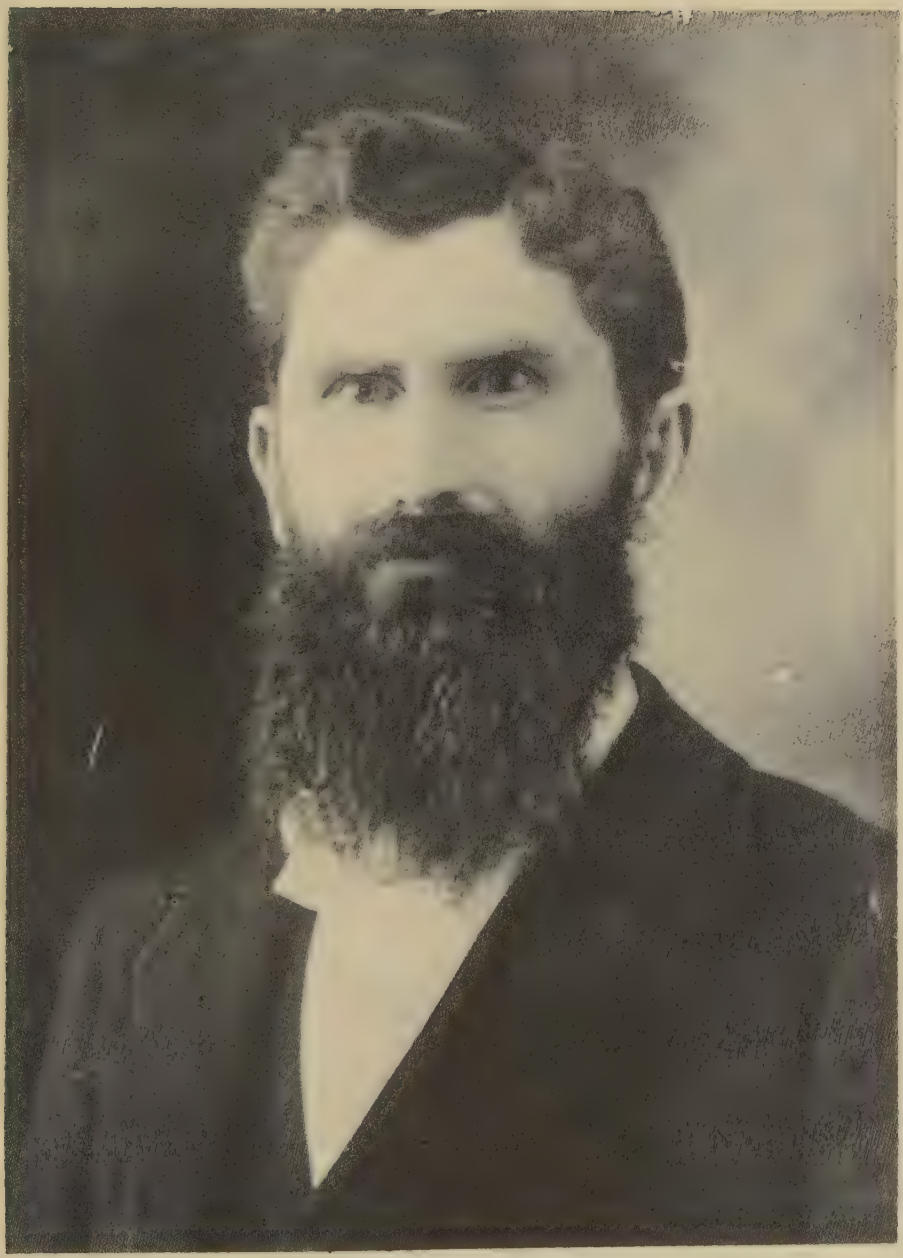
In his advancing march toward the goal of success and prosperity Mr. Krell has not been self-centered or selfish, as shown by the fact that he has shared his lot with one who has proved a devoted companion and helpmeet. On the 15th of June, 1904, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Katie Margaret Klein, daughter of Conrad and Margaret Klein, who were then residents of Portsmouth, Scioto County, but who now

maintain their home in Ironton, their son Frederick J. being senior member of the firm of Klein & Krell. Mr. and Mrs. Krell have five children—George Wilford, Klein Charles, Martha Amelia, May Zita, and Victor Joseph.

Edward F. Hannan. With all of consistency may this publication enter a memorial tribute to the late Edward Francis Hannan, who wielded potent influence in connection with civic and business affairs in Lawrence County and whose life was guided and governed by the loftiest principles of integrity and honor. His character was the positive expression of a strong and noble nature, and he accounted well to himself and to the world, with the achievement that marked him as a man of superior ability and foresight. He was a native of Lawrence County and a representative of an honored pioneer family of the Hanging Rock Region, his having been the distinction of becoming eventually one of the most prominent and successful merchants and most popular and influential citizens of Ironton, in which city he died on Friday morning, September 19, 1913. The entire community manifested its deep sense of personal loss and bereavement when he passed forward to the life eternal, and it is well to perpetuate in a preliminary way quotations from an obituary published in an Ironton newspaper at the time of the death of Mr. Hannan, but slight change being made in the quoted context:

"With the departure of the clouds of night on Friday morning, the soul of Edward Francis Hannan, one of Ironton's most prominent citizens, departed from the pain-wracked body, a few minutes after six o'clock. Mr. Hannan's death had been expected for a number of weeks, and some time ago the family was informed by specialists that there was no chance for his recovery. He was afflicted with a peculiar and baffling throat disease, against which the skill of the best physicians of the country was unable to combat successfully. He had undergone operations, but without avail. Despite the fact that death was expected, when the end of the life of this noble man was announced by the tolling of the chimes of St. Lawrence church, it came as a shock to his many friends and relatives throughout the city, and occasioned general regret, for all who knew Mr. Hannan, either in a personal or business way, have only the highest praise for him,—for honesty and uprightness were the prime factors in his life and won for him an enviable reputation as a business man whose honor and integrity were unquestioned."

Edward Francis Hannan was born at Vesuvius Furnace, Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 12th of July, 1860, and, as has been written, "his death, at the age of fifty-three years, cut him off in the prime of his man-



E. F. Harman.

hood and at the height of a successful business career." He was a son of John and Bridget (McDermott) Hannan, both natives of Ireland, where the former was born in the year 1821 and the latter in 1824. The parents passed the closing years of their lives in Ironton, where the father died in 1893, the devoted wife and mother having been summoned to eternal rest in 1890; they became the parents of seven children, of whom Edward F. was the only son and the sixth in order of birth. The parents were reared and educated in their native land, where their marriage was solemnized, and upon their immigration to the United States they became pioneer settlers in the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio, where John Hannan became actively identified with iron mining and the operation of iron furnaces. In 1876 he removed with his family to the City of Ironton, where he engaged in the retail grocery business, with which his only son soon became associated, and with this line of enterprise he continued to be identified until the close of his life, which was one of unswerving integrity and earnest application, both he and his wife having been communicants of the Catholic Church.

The public schools of the Vesuvius District of Lawrence County afforded to Edward F. Hannan his early educational privileges and he was sixteen years old at the time of the family removal to Ironton, where he continued his studies about one year in the high school. He then became actively associated with his father in the grocery business, and to this line of enterprise he continued to pay allegiance to the time of his demise. He developed a large and prosperous wholesale and retail grocery trade, and from 1881 until his death his business was established at the corner of Third and Railroad streets. The passing years brought increasing success and definite prosperity to Mr. Hannan, and he showed his progressiveness and civic loyalty by giving his capitalistic and executive support to many other representative business concerns in his native county, where he was a stockholder and director in a number of important corporations.

With inviolable place in popular confidence and esteem and known as a citizen of ability and worth, Mr. Hannan was naturally called upon to serve in various positions of public trust. He served for a total of nine years as a valued member of the city council of Ironton and in this connection exerted potent influence in the furtherance of wise and progressive administration of municipal affairs, as did he likewise during his eight years' membership on the city board of public safety. He was one of the prominent and active members of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, was a democrat in his political allegiance, and was a most zealous and devout communicant of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, as is also his widow. He was most active and liberal in the support of the

various activities of this parish and served many years as treasurer of the church organization. Mr. Hannan was for ten years president of the local organization of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and thereafter was its treasurer for four years, besides which he was in close affiliation with the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of St. George, and the Young Men's Institute.

At the home of the bride's parents, in the City of Ironton, on the 8th of September, 1886, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hannan to Miss Anna C. Goldcamp, and thus was formed an ideal companionship that was severed only when death set its seal upon his mortal lips. Mrs. Hannan was born in Lawrence County, on the 15th of January, 1866, and is a daughter of the late John S. Goldcamp, an honored and influential citizen and pioneer to whom a special memoir is dedicated on other pages of this work. Mrs. Hannan still resides in the beautiful home which was provided by her honored husband and which is endeared to her by many hallowed memories and associations and as the gracious chatelaine of which she has made it a center of most charming hospitality. Concerning the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Hannan brief record is given in conclusion of this memorial tribute to a man whose name and memory shall long be revered and honored in Ironton and throughout the county which always represented his home and which he dignified by his character and services: Olivia H. is the wife of Richard McMahon, who is successfully engaged in the practice of law in the City of Washington, D. C.; Lawrence J. remains with his widowed mother and is one of the representative young business men of Ironton; and at the family home are also to be found the younger daughters, Monica N. and Elizabeth G. Mr. and Mrs. McMahon have two children, Julia Anna and May Elizabeth, who are the only representatives in the third generation of the Hannan family in America.

The funeral of Mr. Hannan was held at St. Lawrence Church on the Monday following his death, and called forth a large concourse of citizens of all classes—all desiring to pay this last tribute of respect and sorrow. The requiem mass was sung by Rev. James H. Cotter, D. D., a priest who had been a most intimate friend of the deceased, and interment was made in beautiful Sacred Heart Cemetery. Five of his sisters survive Mr. Hannan.

John S. Goldcamp. It was well within the province of the ambition and individual powers of the late John S. Goldcamp to give to the world assurance of large and worthy achievement and to so order his course as to leave a reputation untarnished and a memory that is revered by those who came within the compass of his generous and kindly influence.

Mr. Goldcamp was a native of Ohio and a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this favored commonwealth, which it was given him to dignify and honor by his character and achievement. He was one of the prominent and influential citizens of Ironton, the metropolis and capital of Lawrence County, for many years prior to his death, which here occurred on March 5, 1909. In according to him a brief tribute in this publication it is found expedient to reproduce the gracious estimate published in an Ironton newspaper at the time of his death, but in perpetuating the article certain paraphrase and minor eliminations are indulged, to make the data more nearly in consonance with the specific functions of this history.

"Death is, indeed, laying a heavy hand upon Ironton, and is gathering many of her most prominent, honorable and influential citizens. The last to be laid low by the Grim Reaper, who is no respector of age or person, was John S. Goldcamp, whose name was known throughout the city as a synonym of honesty, sobriety, industry and all that the term 'good citizenship' implies. His eyes closed in everlasting sleep Tuesday night, at five minutes past ten o'clock, and the end came as peacefully and sweetly as could be. As gently as the breath of spring his pure spirit fled his weary body, and, with scarcely a noticeable throb, his big heart was stilled—and John S. Goldcamp was no more. When the final summons came, his bedside was surrounded by his devoted wife and his loving children, with their wives and husbands, a suitable end for one who loved his family as did he. What a genuine sorrow this announcement will cause throughout the city! John S. Goldcamp was a man honored and respected by all and was a citizen whom the city can ill afford to lose.

"While Mr. Goldcamp's death will cause universal regret throughout Ironton and Lawrence county, it came not as a surprise, for he had been in impaired health for the past five years and his condition had been most grave for the last week. His death was due to diabetes.

"John Stephen Goldcamp was born at Pine Grove, Gallia county, Ohio, on the 15th of May, 1840, and resided there until he reached manhood's estate. On the 12th of February, 1861, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Frische, who was spared to care for him during his declining years as only a true and loving wife can. In 1862 Mr. Goldcamp and his family removed to Ironton, where he resided until his death, save for one year passed at Lawrence Furnace. When Mr. Goldcamp came to Ironton he was employed as a contractor for shipping iron, but later he succeeded his father in the milling business. In March, 1887, Mr. Goldcamp organized the Goldcamp Milling Company, of which he was president and a director from its inception until

his death. He was also president and a director of the Hannan-Cowden Dry Goods Company, the name of which was changed to the Bauer Dry Goods Company only a few days prior to his death. For many years Mr. Goldcamp was a member of the directorate of the First National Bank of Ironton and he was closely connected with and financially interested in many of the city's prominent business and industrial enterprises.

"Mr. Goldcamp had no political aspirations, being content to do what he could for his fellow-citizens in his own quiet, unassuming way, but, in deference to the wishes of his friends, he served for six years as a member of the city council, with credit to himself and the municipality. He was a Democrat in his political adherency and was a zealous communicant and liberal supporter of St. Joseph Catholic church, where his funeral services were held."

The widow of Mr. Goldcamp still survives him and is one of the loved and gracious women of Ironton. Of the twelve children nine are living—Frank, F. J. and Mrs. Edward F. Hannan, of Ironton; Mrs. James M. McJoint, of Norwood, a suburb of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Hugh J. Loder, John X. and Mrs. Fred M. McPherson, of Iron Gate, Virginia; Mrs. William D. Crossing, of Columbus, Ohio; and Miss Victoria, who remains at the old homestead with her widowed mother.

John H. Lynd. As proprietor of the flourishing and incidentally important enterprise conducted under the title of the Lynd Transfer and Storage Company, with headquarters at 140 South Fourth Street, the popular citizen whose name initiates this paragraph is recognized as one of the progressive and representative business men of the younger generation in his native City of Ironton, Lawrence County. Here he was born on the 6th of December, 1882, and he is a representative of a family whose name has been long and prominently identified with the civic and material affairs of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio.

Mr. Lynd is a son of Benjamin F. and Margaret (Brewster) Lynd, the former of whom was born at Burlington, Lawrence County, on the 7th of January, 1861, and the latter of whom was born in the City of Louisville, Kentucky, in 1864, the subject of this review being the eldest of the three children and the other two being Carl and Herbert. The parents are prominent and honored residents of Ironton, where the father was engaged in the grocery business for thirty years and where he has lived practically retired since 1913. John H. Lynd attended the public schools of Ironton until he had attained to the age of eighteen years, and thus his discipline included the curriculum of the high school.

After leaving school he was clerk in the grocery establishment of his father until he gained the dignity implied in arrival at his legal majority, when he entered the employ of the Ironton Portland Cement Company, for which he was mine superintendent for seven years.

In 1911 Mr. Lynd purchased the establishment and business of the Wieteki Transfer Company and he has since conducted a general transfer and storage business of most successful order, effective service and his personal popularity having contributed materially to the expansion and specially substantial status of the enterprise, the incidental equipment and stock of horses being conservatively valued at $9,000. Mr. Lynd is the owner also of his pleasant home, besides other residence property in his native city. He is affiliated with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, was for three years a member of the commissary department of the Seventh Regiment of the Ohio National Guard, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On the 16th of October, 1907, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lynd to Miss Alice Richards, daughter of William and Clara (Thompson) Richards, of Ironton, her father having been for fifteen years manager of one of the leading iron furnaces in Lawrence County and otherwise prominently identified with the iron industry in the Hanging Rock Region. Mr. and Mrs. Lynd have two children—Eloise E. and Richard Franklin.

Jenken A. Jones. It has been the privilege of Jenken A. Jones, of Ironton, to realize many of his worthy ambitions, and through the exercise of business sagacity and good judgment to wrest from his opportunities financial and general success. As the proprietor of a flourishing feed and produce store he is contributing to the community a conservative and well-established business, in the management of which he has followed the most upright methods, and his good citizenship has been made manifest on a number of occasions when the welfare of the city and its people has been at stake.

Mr. Jones was born in Perry Township, on his father's farm in Gallia County, Ohio, July 13, 1872, and is a son of David N. and Jane (Davis) Jones, both natives of that township. The father, although now sixty-six years of age, is still carrying on extensive agricultural operations and is known as one of the substantial citizens of Perry Township, where he has served as assessor for several years. Mrs. Jones died in 1909, at the age of fifty-one years. There were four children in the family of David N. and Jane Jones, namely: Thomas, who is a well-known contractor and builder of the village of Patrick, Gallia County;

John E., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead in Perry Township; Jenken A., of this review; and Bert D., who is also a farmer of Perry Township.

The boyhood of J. A. Jones was passed on his father's farm in Perry Township, and there he worked during the summer months while securing his education in the district schools during the winter terms. He remained under the parental roof as his father's assistant until reaching the age of twenty-six years, at which time he turned his attention to contracting in Gallia and Jackson counties and was so engaged four years, when he purchased a saloon at Gallipolis, and this he conducted three years. Succeeding this he had an experience of one year in the produce business at Gallipolis, and in 1908 became the candidate of the republican party for the office of sheriff of Gallia County, to which he was elected. A term characterized by faithful and capable service won him re-election to the shrievalty in 1910, and when his second term expired he came to Ironton and bought the produce and feed business established here by Mr. McNickles. Mr. Jones had as a partner Mr. Gates, and the business was conducted under the firm style of Jones & Gates until 1913, when he bought his partner's interest, and since that time has carried on the business alone as J. A. Jones. The business has enjoyed a pleasing and satisfactory growth, and is now valued at $9,000, attracting its trade from all over this part of Lawrence County. As a business man Mr. Jones is known to be progressive, capable and enterprising, making the most of his opportunities and meeting all engagements faithfully. He is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World, the Modern Brotherhood of America and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, in all of which he has warm and appreciative friends. He is a member of the Baptist Church and has been liberal in his support of its movements. Mr. Jones is the owner of a nice home and six acres of valuable property at Gallipolis.

On February 7, 1897, Mr. Jones was married at Patriot, Gallia County, Ohio, to Miss Ethel Carter, daughter of A. J. Carter, of that place, and two children have been born to this union: Victor and Margaret.

George A. Meyers. Though he has passed the psalmist's span of three score years and ten, Mr. Meyers is signally vigorous and alert and is active in business in the City of Ironton, Lawrence County, where he has long been an honored and influential figure in civic and business affairs and where abiding popular esteem is his grateful portion.

Mr. Meyers was born in Germany, on the 5th of April, 1839, and he has been a resident of Ironton for more than half a century and where

he is now successfully conducting a general plumbing business, with well equipped headquarters at 18 South Third Street. To him must be accorded enduring honor for the gallant service given by him as a soldier of the Union in the Civil war, and in the "piping times of peace" his course has been characterized by the same intrinsic loyalty that prompted him to go forth and battle for a righteous cause. Mr. Meyers is a son of John J. and Christina (Roelky) Meyers, who, in the German Fatherland, were born respectively in the years 1817 and 1800. The father was a weaver by trade and also had much ability as a musician. He came with his family to America in the year 1844 and he attained to the patriarchal age of ninety years, his death occurring in the year 1907, his wife having been summoned to the life eternal in 1881, at the age of eighty-one years. They became the parents of six children—Charles H., George A., Christopher P. B., Herman L., Edward F. and Mary Elizabeth.

Upon immigrating to the United States, John J. Meyers established his home at Frederick City, Maryland, where he found employment at his trade, his career in America having been marked by earnest and consecutive industry and the closing period of his life having been passed in Ohio.

At Frederick City, Maryland, George A. Meyers was reared to the age of seventeen years, he having been about five years old at the time when the family came to the United States. He attended the common schools of the locality and period and from his boyhood was associated with his father in work at the weaver's trade, at varying intervals, until he severed the home ties and came to Ohio, in 1857. He established his residence at Ironton, which was then but a village, though the center of considerable manufacturing and other activities in connection with the iron industry. He worked in the roller mills about three months and then entered upon an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade, in the works of the Olive Foundry and Machine Company, with which he remained four years.

At this juncture in his career Mr. Meyers put aside all other considerations to tender his aid in defense of the Union. In response to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, he enlisted as a private in Company A, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, his being the first company to leave Ironton, under the three months' term of enlistment. The company was assigned to the work of guarding the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, in West Virginia, and Mr. Meyers continued in service until the expiration of his term, when he received his honorable discharge, on the 19th of August, 1861. The memories of the climacteric

period of the Civil war are by him vitalized through his affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic.

After the close of his military career Mr. Meyers returned to Ironton, and here he worked as machinist in charge of the old-time railroad locomotives until 1873, when he became associated with two other skilled mechanics in the establishing of a machine shop, under the firm name of J. H. Fisher & Company. He continued an active member of this firm until 1876, when he again entered railroad service, and was overseer of the round house for nearly twenty years, these relations being severed in 1894, when he felt that advancing age entitled him to less exacting occupation. In the year mentioned, Mr. Meyers purchased the plumbing business of the Cricher Brothers, and he has since continued the enterprise successfully, his fine mechanical ability and personal popularity having gained to him a substantial and appreciative supporting patronage.

In politics Mr. Meyers is a stalwart in the camp of the republican party and he served eleven years as a member of the city waterworks board.

On the 10th of June, 1866, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Meyers to Miss Margaret C. McKeun, daughter of Patrick and Rebecca McKeun, of Ironton, and of the eight children of this union five are living,—John G., Mary R., George P., Frederick W. and Samuel E. The names of those deceased were: Charles E., Florence and Emma. George P. is married and is employed as locomotive engineer on the line of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, with headquarters in the City of Cincinnati, where he maintains his home. Samuel E. is now a resident of New York City. Frederick W., who is engineer at the Ironton waterworks, married Miss Caroline Rudd and they have five children. Mary R., the eldest of the children, is the wife of Charles A. Woodworth, engaged in the insurance business, and they reside at Suffern, Rockland County, New York.

Harry Wileman, senior member of the brick manufacturing and general contracting firm of Wileman & Helbling, has for many years been prominently identified with the building interests of Ironton, and has been the architect of his own fortune as well. The struggle to rise from modest circumstances to affluence has been his, and his career has been characterized by unfaltering perseverance, strong determination and great energy. Mr. Wileman was born at Chelsworth, England, September 20, 1861, and is a son of James and Mary Ann (Wyard) Wileman.

James Wileman was born in England in 1842, and on emigrating to

the United States with his family settled first at Newport, Kentucky, from whence, in 1871, he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1873 he came to Ironton, where he followed the trade of brick mason for a number of years, and at this time is living a retired life. He has taken an interest in civic affairs and has served as alderman of the city for one term. Mrs. Wileman was born in England in 1840 and has been the mother of four children: Harry, Lucy, Ellen and Charles. Harry Wileman was educated in the public schools of Cincinnati, Newport and Ironton, and at the age of sixteen years began to learn the trade of brick mason under his father. He worked at his trade from 1877 until 1892, and during this time rose to a foremanship in the employ of Witherow & Gordon, blast furnace contractors of country-wide reputation, and was in the Birmingham, Alabama, district for three years and in Chicago for eight months. In 1892, in partnership with John D. Helbling, he founded the brick manufacturing and general contracting firm of Wileman & Helbling, and this has since grown to large proportions, now owning a $7,000 plant and controlling a large and representative business. Among the structures erected by this firm may be named the following: the Ketter Block, McMahon livery barn, Furlong Building, Eberts brewery, Foster stove works, Central school building, and the Methodist Church edifices at Hanging Rock, Sedgwick and Ironton. Mr. Wileman is a thorough master of every detail of his business, and bears a high reputation in commercial circles. He is a stockholder in the Ironton Athletic and Amusement Company, a director of the Home Building and Loan Company of Ironton and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and in addition to his own residence, at No. 655 South Sixth Street, owns about fifteen vacant lots in Ironton. A republican in his political views, he has taken only a good citizen's interest in political matters. His fraternal connection is with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious faith that of the Episcopal Church. In all respects he is a stirring, progressive man of his community, at all times ready to lend his co-operation to beneficial movements.

Mr. Wileman was married November 15, 1883, at Wellston, Jackson County, Ohio, to Miss Ellen Cheuveront, daughter of T. M. Cheuveront and five children have been born to this union, namely: Frank, who is a brick mason, married Nellie Henry, daughter of I. N. Henry, of Ironton, and has four children, Garland, Nellie L., Genevieve C. and Harry N.; Clifford, who is deceased; James M., a brick mason of Ironton, who married Eva Taylor and has one child, Iantha; Charles, who is deceased; and Kathryn, who married Arthur Bester, a brick mason, and lives at Ironton.

JOHN W. TRUBY. In his native City of Ironton, the progressive and flourishing metropolis and judicial center of Lawrence County, Mr. Truby has found opportunity for the winning of success and popularity as a representative of business activities and as a loyal and appreciative citizen. He is proprietor of the Truby Bottling Works, which represents one of the prosperous business enterprises of Ironton, with the best of facilities in all departments.

Mr. Truby was born at Ironton on the 14th of September, 1870, and is a son of William W. and Henrietta (Taylor) Truby, both natives of Pennsylvania, where the former was born in 1835 and the latter in 1845, her birth having occurred in the City of Pittsburgh. William W. Truby became a resident of Ironton in 1868 and was long employed as a skilled artisan in the manufacturing of nails, in one of the leading mills of Lawrence County. He passed the psalmist's span of three score years and ten and was a well known pioneer citizen of Ironton at the time of his death, in 1907, his wife surviving him by about six years and being summoned to eternal rest in 1913. They became the parents of five children, all of whom are living, namely: William W., Jr., Florence, Carrie, Henry and John W.

John W. Truby attended the Ironton public schools until he had attained to the age of eighteen years and after completing his studies in the high school he was employed in a local nail mill for ten years, within which he became an expert workman and efficient mechanic. At the expiration of this decade, in 1900, he purchased the bottling works conducted by Charles Myers, and since that time he has greatly expanded the scope and importance of the enterprise, which is conducted under the title of the Truby Bottling Works, his energy and enterprise having brought to him unequivocal success in his independent business operations. Mr. Truby is a stockholder in the Home Telephone Company of Ironton, and further evidences of his temporal prosperity are shown in his ownership of three business blocks in Ironton—one on Center Street, between Third and Fourth streets; another on North Third Street; and the third on South Third Street. He is a democrat in his political allegiance and he is an attendant and supporter of the Christian Church, of which his wife was a devoted member.

On the 27th of November, 1899, Mr. Truby wedded Miss Lucy Heider, daughter of August and Barbara Heider, of Ironton, and she entered into eternal rest in 1907, the two surviving children being Louise and Pauline.

WILLIAM O'KEEFE. It has been within the compass of the ambition and powers of Mr. O'Keefe to gain secure status as one of the representa-

tive business men of his native City of Ironton, the metropolis and county seat of Lawrence County, and he is a scion of a family whose name has been worthily identified with the history of the Hanging Rock Iron Region for more than sixty years. He was formerly associated with his brother James in the undertaking business that is now conducted successfully under his personal direction, the widow of his brother still retaining an interest in the business and her son Charles being the valued assistant to his uncle, whose name initiates this paragraph. With the best of modern facilities and equipment, the establishment of Mr. O'Keefe is one of the best in the City of Ironton in the affording of effective and seemly service in the directing of funerals with unfailing sympathy and kindly consideration.

Mr. O'Keefe was born in Ironton on the 21st of October, 1856, at which time this now thriving industrial city was a mere village. He is a son of John and Mary (O'Hare) O'Keefe, both natives of Ireland—the father having been born in County Cork and the mother in County Clare and both having been reared in their native land, where their marriage was solemnized. John O'Keefe, born in the year 1805, was sixty-nine years of age at the time of his death, which occurred at his old homestead in Ironton, in 1874. His widow survived him by nearly fifteen years and was sixty-five years of age at the time when she was summoned to the life eternal, in 1888, her birth having occurred in 1823. Concerning the children of this union the following brief record is consistently entered: Catherine is the widow of Daniel Boyce and maintains her home in Ironton; James, who died in the year 1902, as senior member of the firm of O'Keefe & Hanichen, was one of the founders of the substantial undertaking business now conducted by his brother William, the enterprise dating its inception back to the year 1878 and being thus one of the pioneer business concerns of the city; Miss Margaret still resides in Ironton, and presides over the old family homestead, with her brother William, of this review, who likewise has remained unwed; Thomas is a resident of Newport, Kentucky; Susan died as a child. John O'Keefe, the honored father, immigrated to the United States in 1846 and after remaining for a time in the Dominion of Canada he removed to Pennsylvania, from which state he came to Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1852, here to pass the residue of his life, which was one of unostentatious worth and consecutive industry. He was well known and held in high esteem in Lawrence County and served many years as street commissioner of Ironton. He was a democrat in his political proclivities and both he and his wife were zealous communicants of the Catholic Church, in which they early became members of the Ironton parish of St. Lawrence.

William O'Keefe continued to attend the schools of Lawrence County, parochial and public, until he had attained to the age of seventeen years, his educational discipline having been received principally in Ironton, though he attended school for a time at Kelley's Mills, where the family resided for a comparatively brief period. At the age noted he obtained employment in the Star Mill, in Ironton, and in this manufactory of nails and other iron and steel products he served in the department devoted to the blueing of nails. After being identified with this line of enterprise for a period of five years Mr. O'Keefe became an assistant in the undertaking establishment of O'Keefe & Hanichen, and after the death of Mr. Hanichen, in 1887, he purchased the latter's interest from the widow and became his brother's partner in the business, this mutually grateful alliance continuing until the death of James O'Keefe, in 1902, since which time the enterprise has been continued by the latter's widow and brother, William having the direct management of the business with which he has been long identified and in connection with which he has become one of the substantial and influential business men of his native city.

Essentially progressive and loyal as a citizen, Mr. O'Keefe has had no predeliction for the honors or emoluments of public office and in politics he maintains an independent attitude, his support being given to the men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment. He is an earnest communicant of the Catholic Church, as a member of St. Lawrence Church, and he is a member of the board of trustees of Sacred Heart Cemetery. Mr. O'Keefe is the owner of valuable residence property in Ironton, including the old homestead of his parents, on Lawrence Street. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. His life has been guided by earnest principles and worthy ideals, so that he well merits the high esteem that is accorded to him in the county that has always represented his home.

Fred B. Davies. As a general contractor Mr. Davies has built up a substantial and prosperous enterprise, and is numbered among the progressive and energetic business men of his native county, his residence and executive headquarters being maintained in the City of Ironton, the judicial center of the county, where his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances.

Mr. Davies was born at Pine Grove, Elizabeth Township, Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 10th of July, 1875, and is a son of George H. and Rachel (Brammer) Davies, the former of whom was born in England, in 1850, and the latter of whom was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1854, the father, Elijah Brammer, having been one of the sterling pioneers

of this county. George H. Davies was reared and educated in his native land, whence he came to the United States in the year 1873, making Ironton, Ohio, his destination and here finding employment in the capacity of bookkeeper. Later he was chosen city clerk, and of this office he continued the efficient and valued incumbent for sixteen consecutive years. In England he had held the position of railway station agent and he developed fine ability as an accountant and executive. For a time he held the post of timekeeper for the mines at Pine Grove, Lawrence County, and he now resides in Ironton, his cherished and devoted wife having passed to the life eternal in 1909. Of the seven children, Fred B., of this review, is the eldest; George L. is deceased; Minnie B. remains at the paternal home; Margaret E. married M. D. Henry and resides in Galesburg, Illinois; and Henry, Bessie and May died in infancy. The public schools of Ironton afforded Fred B. Davies his early educational advantages, and he continued his scholastic discipline until he had attained to the age of seventeen years, when he entered upon an apprenticeship to the trade of kegmaker, in the works of the Belfort Iron Company, in the employ of which corporation he continued until 1892. Thereafter he was clerk in a dry-goods store in Ironton until 1898, when he subordinated all other interests to serve in the Spanish-American war. He served eight months as hospital steward in the hospital of the First Division of the Second Army Corps, at Camp Alger, near Washington, D. C., and after receiving his honorable discharge at Camp Meade, Pennsylvania, he resumed his clerical position in Ironton, where he continued to be thus engaged until 1890. He then went to Birmingham, Alabama, in which city he assumed the post of engineer for the Tennessee Iron & Coal Company, but eight months later, on account of the death of his brother, George L., he returned to Ironton. For two years thereafter he was a conductor on the street-railway lines of this city, and he was then appointed assistant to J. R. C. Brown, the chief engineer of the City of Ironton, Ohio. He retained this position eight years and then, in 1910, engaged in general contracting, to which he has since given his close attention and in connection with which his success has been unequivocal. In November, 1912, he was elected to the office of county surveyor of Lawrence County for a period of two years, beginning September 1, 1913, and in the August primary of 1914 was nominated for a second term without opposition.

Mr. Davies accords unwavering allegiance to the republican party, is affiliated with the lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as well as with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and both he and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Davies is a man of fine physique, and this fact

has inured to his preferment as drum major of the U. S. W. V. Band, of Ironton. He is a member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, is a loyal and appreciative citizen of Ironton, and is progressive and public-spirited.

On the 2d of July, 1901, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Davies to Miss Enola Bradley, of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, and they have three children—Georgia A., Enola B., and F. Herbert.

Earl Griffith. Prominent among the capable officials of Lawrence County is found Earl Griffith, official court stenographer and reporter, a capacity in which he has been favorably before the public for six years. Mr. Griffith was for several years a teacher in the public schools of Lawrence County, and although still a young man has had wide experience and training that fits him eminently for the duties of his office. He is a product of Lawrence County, having been born near Arabia, May 21, 1887, a son of Samuel D. and Louisa (Bradshaw) Griffith.

Samuel D. Griffith was born at Sherritts P. O., Lawrence County, about 1854, and throughout his life has followed the trade of carpenter, at which he is still engaged at Arabia. He is well known in that town, where his reputation is that of a reliable and industrious man of business and a good and public-spirited citizen. Mrs. Griffith was born at Arabia, Lawrence County, in 1856, and also survives, being the mother of seven children, namely: James L., Myrta, Maude, George, Ernest E., Earl and Guy.

The early education of Earl Griffith was secured in the Griffith School, situated in the vicinity of Arabia, which he attended until reaching the age of seventeen years. He then secured a license to teach, and for two years had charge of the Bradshaw School, in the same locality, following which, realizing the need of further training, he entered the Davidson Business College at Ironton, and for one year studied stenography and shorthand. In 1908 Mr. Griffith was appointed official court stenographer of Lawrence County, and was reappointed in 1911 and again in 1914, his present term expiring April 6, 1917. His career has been characterized by efficient and faithful service, and his work has been entirely satisfactory to all connected with the court business of the county. Mr. Griffith is a rapid operator and has made a thorough study of his vocation, and holds membership in the National Shorthand Reporters' Association. Fraternally, he is connected with the Masons, lodge, chapter and council; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Knights of Pythias, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He has shown an interest in the welfare of Ironton and its industries, and is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce. His political support is given

to the republican party, and his religious connection is with the Baptist Church. Mr. Griffith is single.

PERCY W. DEAN. Among the public officials of the Hanging Rock Region of Ohio who are steadfastly maintaining the excellence of service in their various departments is found Percy W. Dean, city auditor of Ironton, Lawrence County. Mr. Dean has just entered public life, this being his first official position, but he is well known as an active worker in the ranks of the republican party, and has an honorable record behind him in civic life. His election came as a result of a desire of the people to secure an energetic, aggressive and stirring man in the city auditor's office, and Mr. Dean has up to date vindicated their confidence in him and there seems to be no reason that he will not continue to do so in the future.

Percy W. Dean is a native son of Ironton, Ohio, and was born December 31, 1880, his parents being William and Elvira (Silbaugh) Dean. The family is well known in Lawrence County and has been located here for many years. William Dean was born here in 1850, and during his career followed a variety of vocations, being at the time of his death a watchman. He passed away in 1907, a worthy man and good citizen. Mr. Dean was twice married; first to Elvira Silbaugh, who was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1855, and died in 1893, and then to Olivia Lewis, who survived him and makes her home at Newport, Kentucky. To the first union there were born four children: Oscar, Percy W., Mary and Anna. There were no children born to the second union.

Percy W. Dean was given good educational advantages in his youth, first attending the schools of Hecka Furnace until he reached the age of sixteen years and then becoming a student in the high school at Ironton. Upon leaving the latter, he began to learn the trade of molder in stoves, and after mastering the details of this calling continued to work as a stove molder in Ironton until 1914. Through fidelity, energy and good workmanship, he won promotion from time to time, and in the meanwhile interested himself in republican politics, gaining a wider and wider influence among his fellow citizens until in 1913 he became his party's candidate for the office of city auditor. His popularity was shown by his election to that office in the fall of the same year, and in 1914 he laid aside other matters to take over the management of the city auditor's affairs. In his first experience as a city official he is living up to his promises made before his election, and the people have no reason to be discontented with his services.

Mr. Dean was married at Ironton, August 24, 1902, to Miss Maud

Thomas, who was born in Logan County, Ohio, daughter of R. W. Thomas, a brick yard man of Ironton. Three children have been born to this union: Horace, Mary and Ivan. Mr. and Mrs. Dean attend the Pine Street Methodist Church, are well known in social and religious circles of the city, and have their own attractive residence. Mr. Dean is active in lodge work, being a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Iron Molders' Union, and finds his chief recreation in out-door sports. His acquaintance is wide and his friends are numerous among all classes of people.

Homer M. Edwards. A young lawyer of Ironton who has done much to prove his ability and open a way for a large and successful career in the law, Homer M. Edwards was admitted to the bar and began practice in 1911, and had already by ten years of successful work performed an important service in the field of education, and for nine years was a member of the County Board of School Examiners of Lawrence County.

Homer M. Edwards was born at Deering in Lawrence County, July 1, 1884. His father, Meredith Edwards, was born at South Point in Lawrence County, June 10, 1852, is a substantial farmer who still lives near Deering. The mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Allen, represents through her family one of the oldest settlers in Lawrence County. She was born at Deering in 1848 and died in 1906. Of their six children two died in infancy and the others are: Effie, now Mrs. E. M. Stanly of Kittshill, Lawrence County; Charity, now Mrs. G. E. Harris of Coal Grove, Lawrence County; Homer M.; and John C., a resident of Ironton.

Mr. Edwards is a product of the common schools of Lawrence County, finished the course of the high school at Coal Grove in 1901, and for eleven years was active in educational work. Three years after beginning his career as a teacher he was appointed to the office of examiner of county schools, and was principal for two years at South Point and then for three years superintendent of the schools at Coal Grove, and for two years was principal in the Ironton schools. Mr. Edwards graduated with the degree Ph.B. at Lebanon University in 1908, and took his law studies in the Northern Ohio University at Ada, finishing with the degree LL.B. in 1911. Admitted to the bar in the same year, he began practice at Ironton, January 15, 1912, and has since enjoyed a growing and profitable general practice.

Mr. Edwards is a Knight Templar Mason, and his other fraternities are the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a trustee

of the Baptist Church and a member of the County Bar Association. For seven years in connection with other educational work he served as county school examiner. Outside of his profession, which absorbs practically all his time and attention, Mr. Edwards finds his pleasure in hunting, and is the owner of a fine residence on Sixth Street in Ironton. He was married to Pansy B. Winters, of Ashland, Kentucky, on May 28, 1914.

Earl W. Ketter, clerk of the water works at Ironton, Ohio, is still a young man, but has had a varied and eventful career in which he has gained success through his own efforts and abilities. Wearing the uniform of his country when a mere lad, subsequently connected with various business enterprises of his community, a victim of the floods of 1913, and eventually a successful city official and a prominent figure in the fraternal and athletic circles of his community—surely there has been enough of action in this young man's life to satisfy the most strenuously inclined.

Mr. Ketter is a native son of Ironton, born July 17, 1880, a son of Charles H. and Rosina (Duis) Ketter. His father, born in Scioto County, Ohio, in 1849, grew there to manhood and was married, not long after which he came to Lawrence County and, locating at Ironton, engaged in the commission business, a line in which he is now widely and prominently known. The mother was also born in Scioto County, and met her death in 1893, in an accidental manner, and Mr. Ketter subsequently married her sister, Anna Duis. Nine children were born to the first union: Lillian, George, Earl W., Harold, Otto, Helen, Mabel, Ralph and Gladys, of whom Ralph is deceased. By the second union there were six children.

Earl W. Ketter received his education in the public and high schools of Ironton, and in the meantime assisted his father in the commission business, working industriously during vacations and spare times and mastering the details of the trade. He was less than eighteen years of age when the Spanish-American war broke out, but June 4, 1898, with other patriotic youths of his neighborhood, enlisted in Company E, Seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he marched off for the front. This organization, however, never left the United States, the war closing before it was called upon for active service, and Mr. Ketter received his honorable discharge, November 6, 1898, and returned to his home. At that time he became a bookkeeper in his father's business, and continued as such until 1901, when he purchased an interest in the Ketter Clothing Company, acting as a clerk with this enterprise until 1909. Succeeding this, he turned his attention to the

confectionery business, and was identified therewith until the flood of March, 1913, washed out his place of business and he then concentrated his energies upon his duties as clerk of the water works, a position to which he had been appointed in 1912. He has continued to handle the affairs of his office in an entirely satisfactory manner, and through his energetic and up-to-date methods has succeeded in introducing a number of needed reforms into the department.

Mr. Ketter was married June 6, 1907, to Miss Anna J. Nauert, daughter of Herman Nauert, of Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, superintendent of the Ridgeway Dynamo and Engine Company. One child has been born to this union: Earl W., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Ketter are members of the First Methodist Church, and in politics he is a republican. In April, 1903, he was appointed captain and regimental adjutant of the Seventh Ohio National Guards, under Col. C. A. Thompson, serving also as adjutant under Col. E. E. Corn, and was captain of commissary in 1907 at the time of his resignation. In 1906 Mr. Ketter assisted in the organization of E. C. Smith Camp No. 28, Spanish-American War Veterans, of which he was elected quartermaster, and still holds that office. For some years Mr. Ketter has been greatly interested in athletics, particularly baseball, and through his earnest and skilled efforts the Ironton Club of the Ohio State League, of which he is manager and assistant secretary, has been developed into a speedy and hard-fighting organization. Mr. Ketter is popular with those who know him in all walks of life, and few men have a wider circle of friends.

William E. George. The fire department of any large and thriving community under modern organization and conditions is one of the most important in the municipal service, and to its management the directing head is called upon to bring high executive abilities, broad judgment, diplomatic powers and absolute fearlessness. These qualities are possessed in a high degree by William E. George, chief of the fire department of Ironton, who for a continuous period of thirty-two years has directed the work of the "fire eaters" of this prosperous and important City of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio.

Chief George was born in Bath County, Kentucky, November 12, 1847, and is a son of Robert and Drusilia (Raborn) George, natives of that county. The father was born in 1814, and was engaged in farming there until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Eighty-first Regiment, Kentucky Infantry, and upon receiving his discharge, in 1862, came to Scioto County, Ohio, and continued agricultural pursuits until his death in 1883. Mrs. George, who was born in 1818, passed away in 1895, having been the mother of twelve children, four of whom

died in infancy, while the others were: Henry W. and Francis, who are deceased; Jane; Levina; William E.; Alexander; Telitha, who is deceased; and John, deceased.

The early education of William E. George was secured in the public schools of his native county, which he attended until he was fourteen years of age. At that time, with other youths of his neighborhood, he became a member of what was known as the "Squirrel Hunters," a youthful military organization, with which he was associated two years. After the family moved to Ohio, Mr. George attended the schools of Portsmouth until he reached the age of seventeen years, and at that time learned the machinist's trade, a vocation which occupied his attention during the ensuing five years. Succeeding this, Mr. George became a buyer of stave lumber on the Ohio River, but after eighteen months went to Huntington, West Virginia, and embarked in mercantile pursuits as the proprietor of a grocery establishment, which, however, he sold one year later, at that time going to Gallipolis, Ohio. After two years in the business there, Mr. George came to Ironton, and opened an establishment which he conducted with some success for three years, then selling out and becoming a member of the City Fire Department. He showed such executive ability that in 1882 he was made chief of the department, a position he has continued to hold to the present time. Although sixty-seven years of age, Chief George is a vigorous and wide-awake man, and promises to maintain the service of which he is the head at its past standard of superiority, and to continue to incorporate into the system the methods and improvements indicated by the advancement of science and mechanics. He is entitled to take a justifiable pride in his record as a fire-fighter. His men have the utmost confidence in his ability and trust him implicitly, knowing that he will never send them where he himself will not go. While attending the fierce Ward Lumber Mill fire, in 1911, Chief George lost his left eye, the extreme heat causing inflammation which resulted in the loss of sight in that optic.

Chief George was married April 21, 1871, at the home of the bride in Niles Township, Scioto County, Ohio, to Miss Almeda Stover, daughter of David Stover, a farmer of that locality, and to this union there have been born five children: Orval D., Alfred W., Nora J., William V. and Edward E. Orval D., an electrician of Ironton, married Elsie Conley, and has two children—Irene and Ralph; Alfred M., also an electrician of Ironton, married Mattie Ferguson and has an adopted child—Emerson; Nora married Allen Thuma, superintendent of the Ohio Electric Company, of Ironton, and has one adopted child—Alma; William V., an electrician at Ironton, married Jennie DeLong and has

one child—Almeta; and Edward, also an electrician, is single and resides with his parents.

Chief George is the owner of a comfortable residence in Ironton, and also has other realty, including six vacant lots. A republican in politics, his only public service outside that of fire-fighting was as postmaster at Friendship, Scioto County, some forty years ago. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ralph W. Mountain. The responsible and exacting office of clerk of the courts has in Lawrence County an efficient and popular incumbent in the person of Mr. Mountain, who is a native of Ironton, the city in which he now maintains his home and official headquarters, and he is a representative of one of the well known and highly esteemed families of this section of the Buckeye State.

Mr. Mountain was born in Ironton on the 9th of December, 1874, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Johnson) Mountain, the former of whom was born near Lexington, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and the latter of whom was born at Aetna Furnace, Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1841. Samuel Mountain was reared and educated in the old Keystone State and as a young man was a successful teacher in the common schools. He came to Ironton, Ohio, prior to the Civil war and became prominently identified with the iron industry in this section of the State, his death occurring at Ironton, in 1876, when his son Ralph W., of this review, was a child of about two years. His widow survived him by nearly forty years and was summoned to the life eternal in 1913. Of their three children the second born is Harry, who is one of the representative business men of Ironton, where he is engaged in general contracting on an extensive scale. He served two terms as mayor of the city and is one of its influential citizens of marked public spirit and progressiveness. He wedded Miss Amelia Frost, who had been a successful teacher of music, and they have no children. Ralph W. was the third child, and the first born, Anna, died at the age of six years.

To the public schools of his native city Ralph W. Mountain is indebted for his early educational discipline, and he continued his studies until he had completed, at the age of seventeen years, the curriculum of the high school. Thereafter he was for four years in the employ of the Piedmont Lumber Company, and for twelve years after his severing his relations with this company he was a valued attache of the tie department of the New York Central Railroad Company, with headquarters at Cincinnati and Chicago.

After resuming his association with local interests in Ironton Mr. Mountain held for two years the position of inspector for the Ironton water works, and he then became candidate, on the ticket of the newly organized progressive party, for the office of representative, in November, 1912. He was appointed clerk of courts at the death of the regular incumbent, and thus his service became consecutive when he assumed the office through regular election, in November, 1914.

Mr. Mountain is essentially loyal to and appreciative of his home city, which is endeared to him by many gracious memories and associations. He is progressive and public-spirited to a degree and has identified himself with various enterprises that lend to the industrial and commercial prestige of his native city. He is a stockholder of the Ironton Portland Cement Company and the Marting Iron & Steel Company, owns a half-interest in the Lyric Theater Building, and is the owner also of his attractive residence property. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian Church and he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias.

Prior to the Spanish-American war Mr. Mountain had been actively identified with the Ohio National Guard, as a member of which he enlisted for service in the conflict mentioned, his company being in active service until the close of the war when he was mustered out and received his honorable discharge. He thereafter continued his membership in the Seventh Regiment of the Ohio National Guard for several years, and he held the office of captain in the same until his retirement from active membership. He is affiliated with the Spanish-American War Veterans' Association.

On the 6th of June, 1907, was solemnized the marriage of Captain Mountain to Miss Mary Alice Pixley, daughter of Charles L. Pixley, a representative business man of Ironton, and the children of this union are Jean C. and Ralph W., Jr.

Ephraim L. Mayberry. He whose name initiates this review is one of the popular young men and efficient officials of his native county, maintains his home in the City of Ironton, and is the incumbent of the position of assistant county surveyor.

Mr. Mayberry was born in Windsor Township, Lawrence County, on the 16th of September, 1880, and is a son of John and Martha (Calliflower) Mayberry, both likewise natives of Lawrence County, where the former was born in 1856 and the latter in 1861—dates that indicate that the respective families were founded in this county in the pioneer days. John Mayberry received his education in the public schools and as a young man was a successful and popular teacher in the schools of Law-

rence County. He and his wife now reside on their well improved farm in Windsor Township, and he is giving special attention to fruit culture, having on his place a fine orchard of 5,000 apple trees. The four children are Bertha, Owen, Ephraim L. and Irwin.

Ephraim L. Mayberry continued to attend the public schools of his native county until he had attained to the age of eighteen years, and thereafter he was for five years engaged in teaching, as one of the efficient and popular representatives of the pedagogic profession in Lawrence County. In 1905 he was graduated in the Northwestern Ohio Normal University, at Ada, Hardin County, and from this institution he received the degree of civil engineer. Thereafter he was identified with government contract work on the Ohio and Allegheny rivers until 1909, since which time he has held the position of deputy county surveyor of Lawrence County, an incumbency in which he has accomplished a large amount of important work.

Mr. Mayberry renders allegiance to the republican party, he and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of Ironton, and he is affiliated with the local lodge and chapter of the Masonic fraternity.

On the 16th of July, 1906, Mr. Mayberry was united in marriage to Miss Grace Reed, daughter of John W. Reed, of Scottown, Lawrence County, and their three children are John B., Bon E., and Joseph D.

Allen L. Thuma. Developing his powers through practical experience, Mr. Thuma has forged his way forward until he has achieved large and worthy success in his chosen field of endeavor, and he is recognized as one of the representative business men of the younger generation in the City of Ironton, the thriving metropolis and judicial center of Lawrence County. Through his own ability he has advanced to his present important position as one of the valued executive officers of the Ohio Valley Electric Railway Company, of which he is superintendent, and to the affairs of which he acords the most scrupulous attention.

Allen Lee Thuma was born at Milton, Cabell County, West Virginia, on the 20th of July, 1878, and is a son of Chapman J. and Adelia (Oakes) Thuma, the former of whom was born at Bridgewater, Virginia, in 1837, and the latter of whom was born at Collins, near Charleston, West Virginia, in 1855. The father was a carpenter by trade and became a successful contractor and builder, the family removal to Ironton, Ohio, having ocurred when Allen L., of this review, was a child. Chapman J. Thuma died in the year 1886, and his widow long survived him, the closing years of her life having been passed in Ironton, where she died in 1904. Of the three children the eldest is he whose name introduces this article; John Clifton is barn superintendent for the Ohio

Valley Electric Railway Company; and Bonnie likewise resides at Ironton.

The public schools of Ironton afforded to Allen L. Thuma his early educational advantages, and in the same he continued his studies until he had attained to the age of fifteen years. He then obtained a position in the Ironton offices of the Fort Wayne Electric Light Company, and with this company and its successor he has continued to be actively identified during his entire business career. From the position of office boy he made his way forward to positions of constantly increasing responsibility, and in the meanwhile he gained a thorough knowledge of all details of the line of enterprise along which he has effectively directed his energies. Since the year 1900 he has held his present important executive office, that of superintendent of the Ohio Valley Electric Railway Company, a corporation whose progressive policies and liberal enterprise have done much to further the civic and material prosperity of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of the fine old Buckeye State. Mr. Thuma is a director of the Ironton Electric Company, is a practical electrician of distinctive ability, and as a citizen he is essentially loyal and public spirited. He is the owner of his attractive residence property at Ironton and has identified himself fully with the interests of the city that has represented his home from his childhood days. In politics he is found aligned as a stanch supporter of the cause of the republican party, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. At the time of the Spanish-American war Mr. Thuma served as a member of Company I, Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he is now identified with the veteran association maintained by those who participated in that memorable conflict. Mr. Thuma is well known in Ironton and vicinity and has a wide circle of friends in both business and social circles.

Mr. Thuma married Miss Nora Jane George, daughter of William E. George, who has been chief of the Ironton Fire Department since 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Thuma have an adopted daughter, Alma.

John C. Thuma. In the city that has been his home from boyhood Mr. Thuma has found ample opportunity for productive effort along normal lines of enterprise, and he is now the efficient and popular incumbent of the position of superintendent of the car barns of the Ohio Valley Electric Railway Company, at Ironton, Lawrence County, his elder brother, Allen L., being the company's general superintendent and being individually mentioned on other pages of this publication.

John Clifton Thuma is the second in order of birth of the three children of Chapman J. and Adelia (Oakes) Thuma, and his parents were residents of Ironton, Ohio, at the time of their death, the father,

who was a carpenter and contractor, having died in 1886 and the mother in 1904. Chapman J. Thuma was a native of Bridgewater, Virginia, where he was born in 1837, a scion of a sterling old family of that historic commonwealth, and his wife was born near Charleston, West Virginia, in 1855. He whose name introduces this article attended the excellent public schools of Ironton until he was fifteen years of age, and he thereafter gave his attention to zealous work in saw mills and in connection with other lines of industry for six years. At the expiration of this period he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was employed in lumber yards for the ensuing six months. He then returned to Ironton and obtained employment as a general laborer for the Ohio Valley Electric Railway Company. For the first six months his work was principally in the digging of holes for the poles used for the electric lines, and for two years thereafter he was a practical lineman, his ability and faithful service bringing to him advancement to the position of line foreman, an incumbency which he retained about three years. Since 1906 Mr. Thuma has been the superintendent of the company's well equipped car barns at Ironton, and his effective service as well as his genial personality have made him popular alike with the officers of the company, the employes and the general public.

Mr. Thuma is a member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce and is essentially loyal and progressive in his civic attitude. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men.

On the 22d of February, 1914, Mr. Thuma made consistent observance of the birthday of Gen. George Washington, in that the day marked the solemnization of his marriage to Miss Ora Alice Riter, daughter of Philip Riter, a well known citizen and furnace-man of Ironton.

Smith S. Littlejohn. The subjective qualities that beget popular confidence and respect are not lacking in the character of the present treasurer of Lawrence County, and the mere fact that he has been called to the important fiscal office of which he is the valued incumbent shows significantly the estimate placed upon him in the county of which he is a representative citizen and in which he stands exponent of most loyal and liberal citizenship. Mr. Littlejohn is a scion of a family whose name has been closely and worthily linked with the history of Ohio during virtually an entire century, and his ancestral record in the Buckeye State is one of which he may well be proud, even as may he also of the more remote genealogical history in both the agnatic and maternal lines.

Mr. Littlejohn was born at Jackson, the judicial center of Jackson

County, Ohio, and the date of his nativity was June 18, 1858. He is a son of James and Cynthia (Smith) Littlejohn, the former of whom was born in Scioto County, Ohio, in the year 1820, and the latter of whom was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, in 1824. The Littlejohn family was founded in Ohio within a short time after the admission of the State to the Union, and its representatives in the various generations have proved sterling citizens of industrious habits and definite loyalty to all that makes for civic and material development and progress. James Littlejohn devoted the major part of his active career to agricultural pursuits and was a man who ever commanded inviolable place in popular confidence and esteem. He was originally a whig and later a republican in politics and he was sixty-five years of age at the time of his death, in 1885. His widow attained to the venerable age of eighty-seven years and was summoned to the life eternal in 1911, her memory being revered by all who came within the compass of her gentle influence. They became the parents of ten children, two of whom died in infancy. Those who attained to years of maturity are here designated by name and in order of nativity: William H., Alice, James I., Louis C., Smith S., Margaret E., Mary, and Marion E.

Smith S. Littlejohn was reared to adult age in Scioto County and there was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Wheelersburg, after which he attended the National Normal University, at Lebanon, this State, until he had attained to the age of twenty years. Through this effective discipline he admirably fortified himself for the pedagogic profession, and for seven years he was numbered among the representative teachers in the schools of Scioto County. After his retirement from this line of professional endeavor he rented a farm in the same county, and for two years he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He then, in 1879, removed to Lawrence County, where he located in the little village of Steece, in Elizabeth Township, and assumed the position of manager of the general store of the firm of E. B. Willard & Company, with which firm he continued for fifteen years and one month—a period within which he gained wide acquaintanceship through the county and made for himself a host of loyal friends. In 1901 he removed to Ironton, the county seat, where he remained one year, and for the ensuing nine years he had charge of the Hanging Rock Furnace property, with residence and headquarters at Pine Grove. He was thus prominently concerned with the great iron industry of this section of the State and at the expiration of the period noted he was transferred to the charge of the firm's general store at Hanging Rock, where he remained thus engaged for three years. Thereafter he was assistant secretary of the Union Furnace Company until 1913, when he was elected county treas-

urer, the duties of which position he has since discharged with characteristic zeal and ability and to the distinct benefit of the county and its people. He is a man of fine administrative ability and marked capacity for detail, so that the business of the treasurer's office is found at all times in the best of order, the while he is punctilious in doing all in his power to subserve the financial prosperity of the county through the effective management of its fiscal affairs. While a resident of Scioto County Mr. Littlejohn served six years as justice of the peace, and incidentally he gained comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the principles of law. He has proved worthy of the implicit trust reposed in him by others and has had much to do with the management of estates and properties of important order.

In politics Mr. Littlejohn has been found a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies for which the republican party has ever stood sponsor in a basic way, and he holds membership in the Baptist Church. He is actively affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, including its adjunct organization, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His interests center in his home, and the family residence, an attractive property owned by him, is made a center of generous and refined hospitality, with his wife and daughter as its popular chatelaines.

On the 30th of August, 1881, at the home of the bride's parents, William and Augusta Raushahous, of Portsmouth, Ohio, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Littlejohn to Miss Amelia Raushahous, and the only child of this union is Miss Addie A., who remains at the parental home.

Arno C. Robison. Among those who have borne a substantial and helpful part in the development and progress of the Hanging Rock Iron Region during modern times, one deserving of special mention is Arno C. Robison, of Ironton. An able and successful lawyer, a former auditor of Lawrence County, a worker in public spirited enterprise, and a citizen who has gained hosts of friends in this section of the state.

Arno C. Robison was born in Monroe County, Ohio, February 16, 1874, a son of James W. and Adaline M. (Stark) Robison. His father was born in Noble County, Ohio, in 1836, and now lives retired in Proctorville, Lawrence County. His career during his active years was that of school teaching and farming. The mother, who was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, in 1836, died in 1900. Their seven children are briefly mentioned as follows: Lula B., now Mrs. C. W. McClure, of Huntington, West Virginia; Mary E., a teacher in Sharon, Pennsylvania; Margaret, a teacher at Huntington, West Virginia; Ralph, a salesman in

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Huntington, West Virginia; Arno C.; Chester T., a bookkeeper for one of the lumber companies at Ironton; and Etta, now Mrs. Konns, of Huntington, West Virginia.

The early education of Arno C. Robison was acquired at the common schools of Crown City, Ohio, and at LaBelle, Ohio, and his higher training was at the Ohio Northern University at Ada. Twelve years were spent in teaching, and during six years of that time he was on the examining board. His career as a teacher was followed by his election to the office of county auditor of Lawrence County, and he was one of the county officials at the time the present courthouse was erected. It is the judgment of people well informed that the business of the auditor's office was never better managed than during the six years Mr. Robison had charge. After leaving that office he entered the law department of the Northern Ohio University at Ada, and continued his studies until graduating LL. B. in 1911. Since then he has been in active practice at Ironton, and his partner is J. L. Anderson, the Nestor of the Lawrence county bar. His success as an attorney has been due to his high standing as a citizen and gentleman, his broad acquaintance over the county, and a demonstrated ability for handling the intricate problems of the law whether in office or before a jury.

Mr. Robison is a Knight Templar Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, both Lodge and Encampment of Odd Fellowship and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Among his business interests he is a stockholder in the Marting Iron & Steel Company, has stock in the Ironton Portland Cement Company and in the Home Telephone Company. He is one of the trustees of the sinking fund of the City of Ironton. Politically his work has been with the republican party. While at college he was a member of the Cadet Corps and in the company which won the flag for being the best drilled company in the entire corps. Mr. Robison and family occupy one of the comfortable residences of Ironton, and his other property holdings include 122 acres of improved farm land in Rome Township of Lawrence County. He is assisting in the development work which is transforming Lawrence County to a fine fruit section by planting a large part of his land in fruit trees.

Mr. Robison was married April 20, 1899, at Proctorville, Lawrence County, to Emma Eaton, daughter of John Eaton, a farmer. They are the parents of four children: James C., Dwight E., John H., deceased, and Alice M.

George M. Salladay. It may well be understood that more than passing interest attaches to the career of this well known and repre-

sentative citizen of Portsmouth when it is stated that he is a scion of the fourth generation of a family whose name has been prominently and worthily linked with the history of Scioto County since the opening year of the nineteenth century, long before this and other counties of Southern Ohio had been established and when this entire section was virtually an untrammeled wilderness. Mr. Salladay himself is now one of the more venerable of the native sons of Scioto County who still reside within its borders, and it is most gratifying to enter in this publication a review of his personal and ancestral history.

On the farm of his father, in Clay Township, Scioto County, George M. Salladay was born on the 6th of February, 1847. His father, John Miller Salladay was born on a pioneer farmstead about one mile south of the present village of Wheelersburg, this county, and the date of his nativity was February 10, 1814. The latter was a son of George Salladay, who was born in the State of Maryland, in 1785, and who was a son of Philip Salladay, a native of Switzerland. Prior to or about the time of the War of the Revolution Philip Salladay emigrated from his native land to America and after residing a few years in Maryland he removed to Western Pennsylvania, where he maintained his home until 1800, when he came to the wilds of what was then a vast region designated as the Northwest Territory and established his residence in what is now Scioto County, Ohio, where he passed the residue of his life and where his name merits perpetual honor through his worthy achievement as one of the first settlers in this favored section of the Buckeye State.

George Salladay, son of Philip, was a lad of about fifteen years at the time of the family removal to the present County of Scioto, and he was present at the time when the first tree was felled on the site of the present thriving City of Portsmouth, the judicial center of the county. He aided in the burning of the first brush piles assembled in connection with clearing the land now occupied by the county seat, and in later years gave many interesting reminiscences concerning incidents and conditions of the earliest pioneer days, his father having been one of the prominent and influential men of the sturdy little community of settlers in this section of the state. As a young man George Salladay entered claim to a tract of Government land in Porter Township, a few miles south of the present Town of Wheelersburg, and he lived up to the full tension of life on the frontier, many years having elapsed ere railroads were constructed and the canals having in the meanwhile formed the best means for the transportation of produce, merchandise, etc., though none of these arteries of traffic were in evidence for a long time after he had attained to adult age. Strong and loyal also were

the noble women of the pioneer households, and upon them devolved not only the wonted domestic duties but also the spinning and weaving of the wool used in the making of the homespun cloth from which they fashioned the clothing for all members of their respective families.

In that age of primitive things the pioneer farmers of this section used to combine their forces and construct flatboats, by means of which their produce was transported down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to the nearest available market—the City of New Orleans—where the product found ready cash demand and where the boats likewise were sold. It is a matter of family record that George Salladay made two voyages to New Orleans in charge of these rude transportation boats, the return trips being made by him on foot and several months elapsing on each occasion before he again arrived at his home. This sturdy pioneer improved a productive farm and on his original homestead he continued to reside until the close of his life, his death having occurred on the 5th of October, 1860. On the 17th of May, 1812, was solemnized the marriage of George Salladay to Miss Phoebe Chaffin, who was born in Connecticut, September 30, 1794, and whose death occurred July 27, 1855. They became the parents of ten children, and in their offspring they effectually perpetuated the principles of integrity and the sterling habits of industry and frugality.

John Miller Salladay was reared to adult age under the conditions and influences of the pioneer farm and early gained appreciation of the dignity and value of honest toil. As a young man he found employment at various kinds of work, opportunities along this line being limited, and for his services he received at times the princely stipend of fifty cents a day and his dinner, the other two meals of the day having been provided at his own home. He began his career as an independent farmer by renting land in Porter Township, and through energy and good management he finally accumulated a little sum of money, but ill health caused a cessation of his labors and involved the expenditure of all of his hard-earned savings. After recuperating his energies he rented a farm in Clay Township, the property having been owned by John Orm. Within a short time one of the township officials ordered him to leave the township, there having been no expectation that he would obey, but this action having been taken as a precautionary measure, owing to the provisions of the law of the locality and period, to the effect that in case of illness and indigency he could apply to the township authorities for aid unless he had previously been ordered to leave. The official disquietude proved, however, without cause, for within a few years the industry and good judgment of Mr. Salladay acquired sufficient funds to justify his purchase of the William Oldfield

farm, three miles north of the Chillicothe Pike Road. There he entered vigorously upon his specially successful career as an agriculturist and stock grower, and as circumstances justified such action he purchased other lands and became one of the substantial landholders and representative farmers of his native county. He was the owner of four good farms at the time of his death, which occurred August 20, 1902, and the closing period of his noble and unassuming life were passed in the homes of his children, who accorded to him and to their mother the deepest filial solicitude.

May 27, 1840, recorded the marriage of John M. Salladay to Miss Martha Hayward, who was a representative of an old colonial family of New England and of one that sent sterling citizens to Ohio in the early pioneer history of this commonwealth. Her father, Moses Hayward, was born in Connecticut, in 1766, and was a son of Captain Caleb Hayward, who gained his title through his serving as master of vessels plying the Atlantic Ocean. Captain Hayward was a native of Scotland and upon immigrating to America established his home in Connecticut. In 1787 Moses Hayward, whose name has appeared in various records as Howard, removed to Vermont, and there, in January, 1793, he wedded Hannah Smith. They continued their residence in the old Green Mountain State until 1814, when they set forth for the West. They passed two years at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and then came to Scioto County, Ohio, and established their home in Vernon Township. There Mr. Hayward obtained a tract of land and instituted the development of a farm, besides which he owned and operated one of the first distilleries in this section of the state. He died on the 2d of October, 1860, at the patriarchal age of ninety-four years, his wife having passed away on the 2d of August, 1834; they reared a large family of children. Mrs. Martha (Hayward) Salladay, mother of him whose name introduces this article, was summoned to eternal rest on the 29th of May, 1892. John M. Salladay was originally a whig and later a republican in politics, and both he and his wife were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of their three children Harriet J. died at the age of nineteen years; Lora A. became the wife of Samuel Brierly; and George M. is the immediate subject of this review.

The boyhood and youth of George Moses Salladay did not lack a due demand upon his attention in connection with the work of the home farm, and in the meanwhile he availed himself of the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period. A few months after his marriage he located on one of his father's farms, in Washington Township, and eligibly situated on the Galena Turnpike Road, to the

ownership of which property he later succeeded. Like his honored father, he has been a man of energy, enterprise and circumspection, and the tangible evidences of his success are shown in his ownership at the present time of a valuable landed estate of more than 700 acres, the greater part being the fine alluvial soil of the bottom lands of the Scioto Valley. He has now virtually retired from active labor but still gives his general supervision to his farms and maintains his home in the City of Portsmouth, where he owns his attractive residence, at 816 Waller Street. His political allegiance has been unfalteringly given to the republican party, he is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On the 18th of February, 1874, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Salladay to Miss Nettie Iams Feurt, who likewise was born and reared in Scioto County, as was also her father, John Davidson Feurt, the date of whose nativity was March 2, 1816; his father, Gabriel Feurt, was born in the State of New Jersey, on the 9th of December, 1779, and was a son of Joseph and Mary (Davidson) Feurt. It is not definitely known at what time the Feurt family was founded in New Jersey, but representatives of the family have been prominent in that and other states of the Union, the original German orthography having in numerous cases been changed to Fort. Essentially authentic data indicate that Joseph Feurt came to the West as early as 1791 and established his residence near the mouth of the Scioto River, but on account of the menace from the Indians he crossed over the Ohio River and lived for a time at Maysville, Kentucky. He finally returned to Ohio and settled in what is now Scioto County, where he entered claim to Government land in the present Township of Washington, his pioneer homestead having been traversed by Pond Creek. There he continued to reside until his death, in 1806, and he was one of the earliest settlers in this section of the Territory of Ohio. His wife was born February 1, 1765, and was a daughter of George and Mary (Warren) Davidson. She survived her husband by a few years and the names of their children were as here noted: Benjamin F., Gabriel, Mary, George, Susanna, Merly, Bartholomew, and Thomas.

As gauged by the standards of the locality and period, Gabriel Feurt received an excellent education, and as a young man he gave effective service in connection with early surveying work in this part of Ohio. He learned also the trade of cooper and finally he and his brother-in-law, Jacob Noel, entered claim to a large tract of Government land on the Scioto River bottoms, about five miles distant from Portsmouth. There they reclaimed much of the land from the virgin wilds, and a portion of

this large estate is now owned by descendants of Mr. Feurt, the property being one of the most valuable farms of Scioto County. On this homestead Gabriel Feurt died in 1850. His wife, whose maiden name was Lydia Hitchcock, was born in Clay Township, this county, and was a daughter of George Hitchcock, her father having been a native of Connecticut and having become one of the pioneer settlers of Scioto County, Ohio, where he owned the land now comprising the Peebles farm and a portion of the site of the Village of New Boston. After the death of her husband Mrs. Feurt removed to the City of Portsmouth, where her death occurred on the 10th of January, 1864. The names of the children are here entered in respective order of birth: Isabella, John D., James H. and Lavinia. The last mentioned became the wife of John T. Flint, a prominent lawyer and influential citizen of Waco, Texas.

John D. Feurt, the father of Mrs. Salladay, eventually inherited a portion of the fine old homestead farm of his father and to this he added by the purchase of other land, until he became the owner of one of the best farms in Scioto County, his progressiveness having been indicated by his erecting fine buildings on the place and by bringing the farm up to the highest standard in all respects. He resided on his farm until his death, as did also his wife, Maria, who was a daughter of the late Judge William Oldfield, an honored and influential citizen of Scioto County. Mr. Feurt was first a whig and thereafter a republican in politics and he commanded inviolable esteem in the community which was his home throughout life. He held various township offices and served ten years as justice of the peace. The marriage of John D. Feurt and Maria Oldfield was solemnized in the year 1839, and they became the parents of nine children, and concerning those who attained to maturity the following brief record is given: Caroline C. became the wife of Henry C. Feurt; Lydia married John Lindsey; Harriet E. first wedded William H. Peters and after his death became the wife of Thomas J. Brown; Nettie I. is the wife of Mr. Salladay of this sketch; Frances B. became the wife of John F. Noel; and the two sons are John F. and William.

Mr. and Mrs. Salladay have one daughter, Martha, who is the wife of Charles F. Tracy, of Scioto County, and whose three children are Lucille, Harold Salladay, and Edna Louise.

Rev. James H. Cotter, LL. D. Ceaselessly to and fro flies the deft shuttle that weaves the web of human destiny, and into the vast fabric enters the accomplishment of all individuality, penetrating both warp and woof and lending either the sheen of usefulness and beauty or the dark and zigzag lines of unintelligible obscurity. To place final valua-

tions is not within the power of human kind but remains the prerogative and function of the One who is above all and over all, but there be those whose gracious and noble personalities, splendid powers and unlimited consecration give an impression that can not fail to be appreciated by all who have aught of cognizance of the true significance of human thought and motive.. To give within the pages of a work of the circumscribed province assigned to the one at hand adequate tribute to the character and services of Doctor Cotter is in the realm of the impossible, but it is imperative that there be mention of the man, the priest, the patriot, the scholar, the lover of humanity whose name initiates this paragraph and who is rector of St. Lawrence Church in the City of Ironton. Not alone has his zeal been fruitful in good works and large results in the high calling to which he has consecrated himself, but he has gained also a national reputation as an orator and author. His intellectual attainments are on a parity with his devotion to the great mother church of Christendom and to the aiding and uplifting of his fellow men; better commendation than this could be given to no man.

Rev. James H. Cotter was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in the year 1857, "amid scenes calculated to inspire poetry and eloquence." He is a son of George and Sarah (Delhanty) Cotter, representatives of stanch old families of the fair Emerald Isle, where both George Cotter and his wife were born in the year 1826, having passed the closing period of their lives at Ironton, Ohio, where they found a home in 1893, and where both died in the year 1896, their gracious evening of life having been solaced by the filial devotion of their son, Doctor Cotter, of this review. The names of their nine children are here entered, in respective order of birth: Fannie, Thomas, Jane, James H., George, Richard, Albert, Sarah, and William.

Doctor Cotter was fifteen years of age at the time of the family immigration from Ireland to America and he acquired his early education in the parochial schools in the State of New York, where also he pursued his higher academic studies in Manhattan College, in New York City, an institution in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1877 and with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He later received the degree of Master of Arts from his alma mater, and the institution further honored him, in 1906, by conferring upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, the same degree having likewise been accorded to him by Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Maryland, in 1908. Concerning this period in his career the following statements have been written: "During his years at Manhattan he was noted for his devotion to literature and for his assiduous cultivation of good style in prose and verse. He completed his course in theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, and in

1881 was ordained to the priesthood of the Catholic Church, in the diocese of Columbus, Ohio. Before his ordination he taught rhetoric at Mount St. Mary's in the third and fourth collegiate classes."

Father Cotter has held the rectorship of St. Lawrence Church, Ironton, since 1889, and thus this parish has received his ministrations and pastoral supervision during the greater part of the time since holy orders were conferred upon him. Under his administration the church has waxed strong along both spiritual and temporal lines, and his gracious personality has gained him the affection of the entire community, irrespective of sectarian affiliations. Under the zealous supervision of Doctor Cotter there was erected, in 1891, the present fine church of St. Lawrence; the modern and model parish house, in 1904; and the large and finely appointed parish school building, in 1911.

From a previously published sketch of the career of Doctor Cotter are taken, with but slight paraphrase, the following extracts: "Father Cotter is the author of many sermons and lectures, and of 'Shakespeare's Art,' a volume embracing many valuable critical studies in nine of Shakespeare's masterpieces—which he prepared in recreation hours during busy years of pastoral life. He has also been chosen as orator of the day on many historic occasions. He succeeded the late lamented Father Cronin as the principal editorial writer on the Catholic Union and Times, of Buffalo, New York, a position which he still retains. A collection of his editorials on papal questions, gorgeously bound in gold and crushed levant, was made by the Catholic Publication Society, of Buffalo, and presented to the Holy Father, Pius X, in his jubilee year, 1908. As a lecturer Doctor Cotter's reputation is national. His lectures on 'Liberty,' 'Julius Caesar,' 'The Merchant of Venice,' and 'Macbeth' are among the classics of platform eloquence. The Boston Journal of Education says of his work entitled 'Shakespeare's Art:' 'One Cotter, with his zealous vision of the son of Stratford, does more than all the defenders of the play to steady the faith of the world in the personality of Shakespeare.' "

A really wonderful work is that which has been more recently written and published by Doctor Cotter, and which is entitled "Lances Hurled at the Sun." The preface to this volume was written by Rt. Rev. Charles H. Colton, D. D., Bishop of Buffalo, New York, and was issued by the Catholic Union and Times Press, of Buffalo. From many commendatory statements it is appropriate that in this volume be perpetuated the following words by Most Rev. John Ireland, D. D.: "I thank you very cordially for the gift of your volume, 'Lances Hurled at the Sun,' and at the same time I take the liberty to thank you for the talent and industry with which you have, as this volume shows, defended before the

American public the truths of Holy Religion. You are a model to the priesthood of America, in the reading of events and occurrences bearing one way or another upon the life and teachings of the Church, in the readiness to take a lance in hand to vindicate her honor; in the skill with which you ply the arms of defense and offense. May God bless and prosper your pen."

From a critical review appearing in the Catholic Standard and Times, Philadelphia, are taken the following excerpts: "'Lances Hurled at the Sun,' after a simile of Tennyson's in 'Locksley Hall,' is a simile the more remarkable from the fact that the barbarians who today hurl their weapons at the God of Heaven are not children, but mature men and women who think themselves qualified to out-reason religion and who laugh at the revelations of Christ and the Apostles as unfit food for an age that demands 'strong meat for men.' Father Cotter's themes are the monstrosity of many of the theories put forward by the crowd of 'know-it-all' university professors and agnostic quacks, the pretentions of the 'modernists' and other lance-hurlers. He is the possessor of a keen method of logic and Celtic sense of delicate humor that in season flavors his essays with Attic salt. Many a quaint conceit and apt illustration brighten the stream of his exposition as it ripples, indignantly or merrily, as the subject demands, along its course."

Doctor Cotter has traveled extensively in Europe and the United States and few men have been capable of learning and imparting more valuable lessons from experiences with men and affairs. The Doctor presided at the third annual meeting of the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada, and was with Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, and Judge Minehan, of Seattle, Washington, one of the mass-meeting orators at the Federation of the Catholic Societies of the United States, held in the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1913. He was also one of those who delivered addresses at the second Missionary Congress, held in the City of Boston, in 1913.

With the nations of Europe plunged deep in the sanguinary vortex of warfare, there is signal interest attaching to an editorial written by Doctor Cotter for the Catholic Union and Times, under the title of "Faith and Country." This article breathes of the loftiest spirit of patriotism and deep humanitarianism and was inspired by the obsequies incidental to the funeral of the sailors killed in the recent conflict between the United States and Mexican forces at Vera Cruz, Mexico. The editorial appeared in May, 1914, and from it brief quotation may consistently be made in conclusion of this sketch:

"A classic writer of antiquity said, 'It is sweet and glorious to die

for one's country.' Christianity has approved the pronouncement but supernaturalized the motive. With the Christian, love of country goes farther than the feeling which clings to old associations and to our fellows, kindred in manners and affiliations; he is a patriot because it is a duty of faith. St. Thomas has given all the obligations of a good Catholic in one concise passage: 'My God first, country second, and self last.' * * * There is much jingo about love of country, but the man who writes his devotion in the red ink of his heart, he it is who, in the words of President Wilson, gives 'patriotic service'—something that can not be underrated in fact nor discounted in purpose. * * * Truth and Liberty have ever been and will forever be linked. 'The truth shall make you free' is good ethics as well as correct scripture. The Catholic who loves the truth must perforce love liberty, and love America, its 'holy ground.' Truth unchains high aspirations, while falsehood dwarfs and stifles them. Truth is light, and in light liberty always happily disports herself. * * * May the same God who founded the Church set securely and forever on lasting foundations the country of our love—America! big, generous America, that the Omnipotent hid for centuries behind His hand from the gaze of Europe, so that afterward it might be the worthy home and safe retreat of liberty violated in Europe.''

Fred G. Roberts. The bar of Lawrence County has one of its ablest members in Fred G. Roberts, who has been in practice at Ironton since 1910 and has the further distinction of being the only democrat ever elected to the office of probate judge in Lawrence County. He began, like so many successful professional men, his career as a teacher, and by hard work and by following his ambition steadily finally perfected himself in the law, and now holds a place in the front ranks of his profession at Ironton.

Fred G. Roberts was born at Waterloo, Lawrence County, August 18, 1880. His father, Joseph A. Roberts, was born in Summers County, West Virginia, in 1843, and during the great Civil War made a record as a soldier. Farming has been his vocation, and he still lives at Waterloo. The mother's maiden name was Amanda Hutchison, also a native of Summers County, West Virginia, and she was born in 1847 and died in 1907. Their eight children were: Emma, William H., May, Burton, Hudson, Fred G., Ernest and Roanoke.

Fred G. Roberts as a boy lived on the farm and attended the village schools of Waterloo, and subsequently pursued his law course in the Cincinnati Law School. Eight years of his life were spent in the schoolroom as a teacher, and at the time of his mother's death he was ready to go away to law school, but the loss of his mother and a sister about

the same time interfered with his plans, and he had to resume teaching for a couple of years in order to secure the means for a college course. In spite of handicaps and obstacles, Mr. Roberts since his admission to the bar in 1910 has made an unusually successful record, and his work has been characterized by a thorough ability and an extreme fidelity to the interests of all clients.

Mr. Roberts was married October 12, 1911, to Bertha C. Paul, daughter of Moses D. Paul, now living retired at Ironton. They are the parents of one child, Marjorie. Mr. Roberts and family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he is a democrat.

THOMAS J. KENNEDY. Ironton, the flourishing metropolis and judicial center of Lawrence County, claims as one of its popular and representative citizens and successful business men Thomas J. Kennedy, who is here engaged in the insurance and real estate business, as representative of fourteen different companies of stability and high reputation, his attention being given specially to the underwriting of fire insurance, in which department of his business he has a large and important clientage.

Mr. Kennedy was born in the city that is now his home, and the date of his nativity was February 2, 1877. He is a son of Thomas and Adelaide (Chamberlain) Kennedy, the former of whom still resides in Ironton, where he is living, after having long been identified with the rolling mill industry, and the latter of whom died in 1889, at the age of forty-three years, the six children of this union having been James, William, John, Thomas J., Joseph and Edward. The father was born in Ireland, in 1847, and was six years of age at the time of his parents' immigration to America, the family home being established in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, where he was reared to maturity and afforded the advantages of the local schools. He came to Ironton, Ohio, about the year 1865, and during the years of his long and useful business life he was identified almost consecutively with the operation of the iron and steel rolling mills in this section of the state.

Thomas J. Kennedy attended the parochial and public schools of Ironton until he had completed the curriculum of the high school, and at the age of seventeen years he assumed the position of clerk in the establishment of the McJoynt Hardware Company, by which he was employed two years. For the ensuing eighteen months he was an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company, of Newark, New Jersey, and in this connection he acquired his initial experience in the line of business in which he has since achieved marked success and precedence. After he had thus served as solicitor for the Prudential company there came dis-

tinctive recognition of his effective work and special ability, since the company then advanced him to the position of assistant superintendent of its agency at Portsmouth, Scioto County, where he remained three years. For the following three and one-half years he was a representative of the company in the Mansfield district of Ohio, and after an effective service of eight years with the Prudential he returned, in 1904, to Ironton, where he engaged independently in the general insurance business, to which he has since given his close attention and in which his success has been of unequivocal order. His agency is one of the largest in Lawrence County and its operations cover fire, life, accident and other lines of insurance indemnity. Mr. Kennedy is interested in several Ironton industries, and is secretary of the Home Building & Loan Company of Ironton. He is recognized as one of the alert and progressive business men and loyal and public-spirited citizens of his native city, and the secure place that he maintains in popular confidence and esteem is indicated by the fact that he served from 1912 to 1914 as mayor of Ironton, his administration being signally progressive and efficient, so that he was importuned to become a candidate for a second term, an overture which he felt compelled to decline, by reason of the demands and exactions of his private business. Mr. Kennedy is a republican in his political allegiance. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, including the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is also a valued and popular member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On the 14th of September, 1898, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kennedy to Miss Emma Mettendorf, daughter of A. H. Mettendorf, a prominent business man and influential citizen of Ironton. The two children of this union are Lowell and Adelaide.

Evan H. Jones. A scion of sturdy Welsh lineage and a representative of a well known pioneer family of the district of the Buckeye State to which this history is devoted, Mr. Jones has been long and prominently identified with business activities in the City of Ironton, Lawrence County, where he is now engaged in the automobile sale and livery business. He was the pioneer operator of one of the important stage lines in this section and few men in the Hanging Rock Iron Region have a wider circle of acquaintances than he, this implying virtually his possession of an equal number of staunch friends. In his present enterprise, which is one of the most substantial and important in this section of the state, Mr. Jones has fully upheld the prestige and popularity which he enjoyed in the earlier period of his business career, and it is most consonant that in this publication be entered a brief

tribute to the man, the citizen, the friend whom everyone in his range of influence as accorded the fullest measure of confidence and good will.

Mr. Jones was born near Centerville, Gallia County, Ohio, on the fifteenth of June, 1848, and is a son of Evan and Anna (Davis) Jones, both natives of Wales, where the former was born in the year 1829. Their acquaintanceship was formed on the sailing vessel which afforded them transportation across the Atlantic to the United States, and their marriage was solemnized within a short time after their arrival in the land of their adoption. Mrs. Jones passed to the life eternal in 1854, and later Mr. Jones wedded Miss Frances Ray, who survived him by about four years, as she passed away in 1908 and he died in 1904. Of the three children of the first marriage the first born was Ebenezer, who died young; Mary is the wife of Edward Stratton, of Winchester, Kentucky; and Evan H., of this review is the youngest of the three, he having been about seven years old at the time of his mother's death. The five children of the second marriage are here named in order of their birth: James, Frank, Alice, Minerva, and Charles.

Evan H. Jones attended school about one year in his native county and the family then removed to Floyd County, Kentucky, where he was enabled to continue his studies in the common schools for a period of about three years, his father having there been engaged in the work of his trade, that of brick and stone mason, to which he gave his attention during the major part of his active career, his residence having been maintained in Ironton for a number of years prior to his demise. From Kentucky Evan H. Jones came to Ironton, where for three years he was employed as a teamster in the service of Benjamin Savage, a well known pioneer of Lawrence county. For the ensuing ten years he was here engaged in the coal business and then, in 1871, he established the first stage or hack line between Ironton, Portsmouth and Ashland, Kentucky. He began operation with one horse and a light vehicle and by the time four years had elapsed he had in requisition fifty horses, with other facilities in proportion. He opened the main road connecting the three cities mentioned and in his travels over his route he became well known to citizens throughout the entire section traversed. He sold the stage line in 1875 and in the meantime he became also the owner and operator of the first moving vans in Ironton. He sold the stage line to Nicholas McMahon and thereafter continued to conduct his van business until 1884, when he sold the same to Polly Brothers. From 1885 until 1914 he was actively and successfully engaged in the livery business, with a large and well equipped establishment and a trade of very appreciable and profitable order. His services were specially in requisition in connection with funerals, and his equipments

for this line of service was recognized as the best in this section of the state. In 1914 he sold his livery business and is now engaged in the auto sale and livery business on South Third Street. In all the relations of life Mr. Jones has been found charitable, considerate and sympathetic, ever ready to lend aid to those in affliction or distress, and in view of this it can not be considered strange that he has a host of friends in the community which has long represented his home. He is loyal and public-spirited as a citizen, is independent in politics and his religious faith is in harmony with the Christian Science tenets, both he and his wife attending and supporting the Ironton Church of this denomination. Mr. Jones resides in a pleasant home on South Fourth Street, being the owner of this property, and his residence is known for its gracious hospitality, with a ready welcome to all friends of himself and his family.

On the 3d of July, 1867, at Ironton, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Jones to Miss Lucinda Wilber, daughter of the late Henry Wilber, of Zanesville, this state. Concerning the children of this felicitous union, the basis of an ideal home life, the following brief record is available: Charles, who is engaged in the undertaking business in Ironton, wedded Miss Matilda Eberts; they have no children. Harry, who wedded Miss Clara Morgan has no children, he being engaged as a mail carrier in the City of Cincinnati. Frank died in childhood. Rose is the wife of Oscar Chatfield, of Pikesville, Kentucky, and they have two children. Wilber, who is associated with his father in the auto business, has been twice married and has one child, Ralph. He first wedded Miss Mary Pyles and after her death he married Miss Anna Price, who likewise is deceased. Emma is the wife of Walter Rumble, of Huntington, West Virginia. Walter, employed as a salesman in the City of Cincinnati, married Miss Nora Shurz and they have one child.

Edwin E. Whitlach. Although he is comparatively a recent arrival in the City of Ironton, Edwin E. Whitlach has already become known as an energetic and progressive business man, possessed of those traits which make him a very welcome addition to this city's circle of commercial men. In the conduct of the Ironton Feed Store his energies are rapidly giving him a reputation for honorable dealing and fidelity to engagements, and as a citizen he has shown himself disposed to aid in all movements calculated to contribute to the community welfare. Mr. Whitlach is a native of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio, having been born at Mount Vernon Furnace, Lawrence County, March 2, 1876, and is a son of George W. and Margaret (Ridge) Whitlach.

George W. Whitlach, who was an early settler of this region of Ohio, was born in 1831 at Vinton Furnace, Vinton County, Ohio, and

early took up teaming as a vocation, an occupation which he followed throughout the active years of his life. He passed away in July, 1908. The mother, born in Pennsylvania in 1833, died in 1908, there being six children in the family, as follows: Rosie, Elsie, William, Charles, Ernest and Edwin E., of whom Ernest is deceased. The common schools of Decatur Township, Lawrence County, furnished Edwin E. Whitlach with his education, but at the age of seventeen years he laid aside the duties of student for those of teacher and for two years had charge of a school in the same locality. Next he turned his attention to store keeping for Vesuvius Furnace Company, with which concern he remained in the same capacity for four years, and then became bookkeeper for the Vesuvius Charcoal Company, a concern with which he was connected for a like period. Later he went to the Halley Charcoal Company, as bookkeeper, and remained for fifteen months, when he went to the old Center Furnace in a like position and and remained for eleven months. When that concern disposed of its plants and interests to the Superior Portland Cement Company, Mr. Whitlach remained as manager of the old Center Furnace for two years, and then was made buyer and manager for the store at Superior, and held this position for a period of one year. He was then superintendent of mines for the Superior Cement Company for two or three years, and in 1913 came to Ironton and engaged in the feed business, in partnership with J. E. Compliment, under the style of the Ironton Feed Store, with a well-equipped and well-stocked establishment at corner Second and Elm streets. This business has enjoyed a continued growth under his capable management and is now enjoying a good trade, attracted from all the surrounding territory.

Mr. Whitlach is single. He is a democrat in his political views, but has not been an active politician. In his church matters he supports the Methodist faith. Although his business demands the greater part of his attention, he is not indifferent to the pleasure of companionship with his fellows, and is a great lover of all out-door sports.

Leo Ebert. The late Leo Ebert, who died at his home in the City of Ironton, Lawrence County, on the 22d of February, 1908, was a man of strong and upright character and marked business ability, his influence having long been potent in connection with civic and material progress in Ironton and his prominence and enterprise in the business activities involved in the operation of the extensive and modern brewery that perpetuates his name having made him one of the leading business men of this section of the Buckeye State, even as he was a loyal and progressive citizen who held inviolable place in popular confidence and esteem.

Leo Ebert was born at Kingenberg, Kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, near the City of Frankfort, and the date of his nativity was June 28, 1837, so that he was nearly seventy-one years of age at the time of his death. He was a son of Theodore and Barbara (Krutzman) Ebert, and the family name has been identified with the representative brewing enterprise of Bavaria for many generations, Theodore Ebert, father of the subject of this memoir, having fully upheld the prestige of the patronymic in this field of industry, and both he and his wife having remained in Bavaria until their death. Leo Ebert, the eldest in a family of four children, attended the excellent schools of his home town until he had attained to the age of twelve years, when he was placed by his father in the latter's brewery, to be initiated into the mysteries of the business. For several years he was acquiring scientific and practical experience in the brewing business,—at Mannheim, Bremen and other places,—and he finally returned to the parental home and stood his chances in the conscription for the army. He was successful, however, in drawing a high number and thus was relieved of the military service.

At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Ebert wedded Miss Mathilda Urhlein, and in 1859, shortly after this important event, he immigrated with his young wife to the United States. Landing in the port of New York City, he there worked at his trade of brewer for nine months, and at the expiration of this period he came to Ohio and established his residence in the City of Cincinnati. Not being able to find immediate employment at his trade, he was compelled to work one summer in a brick yard, and finally he obtained a position as laborer in a Cincinnati brewery, his ability and fine technical knowledge leading to his promotion from his humble capacity to that of foreman within the ensuing two months. After serving for foreman of the brewery for sixteen months Mr. Ebert came to Ironton, Lawrence County, in 1861. Here he established a brewery on a modest scale, and from that time forward his success became cumulative and substantial. He continued as the executive head of the Ebert Brewing Company until his death and was one of the thoroughly loyal and liberal citizens of the Lawrence County metropolis, to the development and upbuilding of which he contributed in generous measure. He became financially interested in various other local enterprises and was known and honored as one of the prominent and influential citizens of this section of the state.

In politics Mr. Ebert originally was aligned with the republican party, but in 1872 he followed his sincere convictions and transferred his allegiance to the democratic party, with which he continued to be actively allied during the residue of his long and useful life. He was influential in the councils of his party and, as a convincing and effective

public speaker, he "took the stump" in numerous campaigns. For more than seventeen years Mr. Ebert held official preferment in Ironton, where he served as a member of the city council, the board of education and the board of health. The fine intellectual ken and practical ability of Mr. Ebert marked him as eligible for office of distinguished order, and twice he received the democratic nomination for representative of his district in the United States Congress. While he was unable to overcome the large and normal republican majorities in the district, he brought out the full vote of his party and greatly reduced the natural majority of his opponents.

In the most significant and worthy interpretation of the expression, Mr. Ebert was essentially a self-made man, and he had the sagacity and judgment to make the best of the opportunities afforded in the land of his adoption, with the result that he won large and substantial success, the while he so ordered his course as to merit and receive the high esteem of all who knew him. He was a man of commanding presence, brilliant intellect and broad human tolerance and sympathy. His kindliness and generosity were unfailing, but he never permitted his benevolences to come into publicity if this could be avoided, having been one of those who "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame." Genial and companionable, Mr. Ebert was not only an interesting conversationalist but also had remarkable gifts as an orator. For eight years Mr. Ebert served as president of the Ohio Brewers' Association, and for two years was president of the national organization of brewers. He was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Pythias. The death of Mr. Ebert caused deep and sincere sorrow in his home city, and both business and social circles manifested their sense of irreparable loss. The noble character of Mr. Ebert found its most perfect exemplification in the relations of his ideal home life, and his widow and children find their greatest measure of consolation and compensation in the memory of his devotion and abiding love and tenderness,—the gentleness of a strong and loyal nature.

Of the six children of Leo and Mathilda (Urhlein) Ebert the eldest is Fannie, who is now the wife of Henry Geiger, identified with the brewing business in Ironton, and they have seven children,—Mathilda, Leo, Henry, Frederick, Charles, Otto, and Bertha. Gretchen, the second daughter, first wedded Michael Rauch, who is survived by two children, Otto and Walter. After the death of her first husband Mr. Rauch became the wife of August Ebert, a brewer by vocation, and they now reside in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, no children having been born of this union. Tillie is the wife of Charles Jones, engaged in the undertaking business

in Ironton; Otto N., the only son, is more specifically mentioned on other pages of this publication. Emma is the wife of Frederick Wagner, a representative farmer near Pedro, Lawrence County, and they have eight children,—Leona, Frederick, Walter, Henrietta, Harold, Ironton, Roy, and Franklin. Bertha is the wife of Dr. William C. Miller, engaged in the practice of dentistry in Ironton, and they have one son, William C., Jr.

Otto N. Ebert. In his native city of Ironton, Lawrence County, Mr. Ebert is fully upholding the high prestige of the family name, both as a man of affairs and as a citizen ready at all times to give his cooperation in the furtherance of those things that contribute to the welfare of the community. He is president of the Ebert Brewing Company, one of the most substantial and important concerns of its kind in this section of the state, and of this responsible and exacting position he has been the incumbent since the death of his honored father, the late Leo Ebert, to whom a memoir is dedicated on other pages of this publication, so that at this juncture it is not necessary to enter further data concerning the family history.

Otto N. Ebert was born in Ironton on the 1st of September, 1870, and is the only son in a family of six children, so that upon him have devolved almost entirely the large and exacting responsibilities that so long enlisted the able attention of his father. Mr. Ebert is indebted to the public schools of Ironton for his early educational discipline, and at the age of seventeen years he completed his studies in the high school and turned his attention to the practical affairs of life. He became identified with the operation of the extensive brewery founded by his father, and with the passing years he has familiarized himself thoroughly with all details of this line of industry and developed special ability as an executive. His father passed to eternal rest on the 22d of February, 1908, and the son was admirably fortified to become his successor in the presidency of the brewing company, an office in which he has maintained the enterprise at the high standard that has ever marked the same, and has endeavored to follow out the progressive civic policies and exemplify the high ideals which signally marked the career of his father. Mr. Ebert is a member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, is a democrat in his political adherency, is affiliated with the United Commercial Travelers and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he attends and supports the German Lutheran Church, in the faith of which he was reared. The brewery plant is owned by the family estate. His home is at the corner of Center and Seventh Streets, here being centered much social activity, with Mrs. Ebert as the popular chatelaine of the hospitable home.

On the 25th of August, 1892, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ebert to Miss Lena Sprenger, daughter of Frederick and Johanna Sprenger, of Ashland, Kentucky, and of this union were born six children,—Mathilda, Bertha M., Hilda P., Leo, Helen E., and Otto N., Jr. Mathilda and Leo are deceased.

VINCENT F. DILLON. One of the leading educators in the Hanging Rock Iron Region is the present county school superintendent of Lawrence County, Vincent F. Dillon, who has been an enthusiastic student of school methods and management, is a practical educator, and has done much to elevate the standards of the public schools throughout the county over which he has jurisdiction. Mr. Dillon is closely identified with the county, not only as his birthplace, but also as a successful farmer and at one time a merchant, and has brought to his work as superintendent of schools the broad vision and executive capacity of the successful business man.

Vincent F. Dillon was born at Scottown, Windsor Township, Lawrence County, August 26, 1866. His parents were William and Rachel (Reed) Dillon. The father was born in Morgan County, Ohio, in 1838, was brought to Lawrence County in 1846, lived the life of a highly respected farmer until his death in 1909. The mother was born in Monroe County, Ohio, in 1835 and died in 1884. They were the parents of five children: Effie C., who married B. F. Snyder, a farmer in Mason Township, and has four children—Festus, Belva, Verda and William; Vincent F.; William A., who married Ellen Lunsford and is a bookkeeper living in Union Township, has eight children—Myrtle (deceased), Hillis, Cesco, Lema, Jennie, John, Bessie and Jessie, twins; Elizabeth L., who married Thomas Dalton, a farmer in West Virginia, and is the mother of nine children; Jennie B., who married John Fulks, a farmer of Windsor Township, and their five children are Hazel, Fleta, Dillon, William and Jewel.

Vincent F. Dillon was married September 4, 1895, to Mettie Dillon, daughter of William Dillon, a Windsor Township farmer. Their nine children are Mary A., John W., Berkeley F., Leland S., Howard K., Rachel E., Nettie M., Venus F., and Nellie G. Mary A. and John W. finished the Coal Grove High School course in 1912, and John graduated from the Ironton High School in 1914, and several of the other children are still in school.

Mr. Dillon while growing up on a farm managed to acquire a liberal education, attending the Beech Grove school in Windsor Township until he was twenty years of age, and subsequently, during the intervals of his teaching, was for four terms a student in the National Normal Uni-

versity at Lebanon, and has studied both in university and at home along lines that would give him special training and proficiency in his educational work. His career for twenty-five years has been that of teacher and farmer. He owned 160 acres in Lawrence County, but in 1913 traded for a general store at South Point, and conducted that until June, 1914. At that time he was appointed county superintendent of schools for Lawrence County, and has turned over the management of his store to other parties. Mr. Dillon still lives in South Point, though his office is in Ironton, and besides his residence at South Point owns eighteen acres of improved farm land.

He served as school examiner from 1911 to 1914 previous to his induction into his present duties as superintendent. Mr. Dillon is a member of the Masonic Order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a trustee in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics is a democrat.

Scott W. Wilson. A substantial contributor to the business strength and importance of Ironton is found in the person of Scott W. Wilson, who in the line of real estate and insurance has met with well-merited success. A man of excellent character and good business qualifications, his standing in the community as a citizen is of the best, and his energetic, progressive manner of carrying on his transactions has created a favorable impression on all with whom he has come into contact. Mr. Wilson is a product of the farm and of Lawrence County, for he was born on his father's homestead in Mason Township, February 5, 1873, a son of James and Malissa (Folden) Wilson.

James Wilson was also born in Mason Township, where the family had been founded at an early day by his father, and grew up to the pursuits of the soil, in which he engaged until the Civil War came on to occupy men's thoughts and control their actions. With other patriotic young men of his community he enlisted in Battery B, Ohio Light Artillery, and served under the flag of the Union for a little more than three years, participating in numerous hard-fought engagements and establishing a record for bravery and faithful performance of duty. When his country no longer needed him he returned to the peaceful occupation of his fathers, and continued as an industrious tiller of the soil until his death, May 21, 1893. Malissa (Folden) Wilson was born in Walnut Township, Gallia County, Ohio, November 21, 1849, and still survives her husband, residing on the old home place in Mason township. She has been the mother of four children, namely: Scott W., James C., Louis G. and Alfred D.

Scott W. Wilson attended the public schools of Mason Township

until he reached the age of eighteen years, and at that time began to devote all his energies to farming. He was twenty-two years of age when he embarked in the threshing and sawmill business, but after four years disposed of his interests therein to enter his present line, that of real estate and insurance, in which he has met with marked success. During the ten years that he has been identified with this business he has built up a wide patronage, and at this time is the owner of seven residence properties at Ironton, his own home at Fifth and Park Avenues, an improved farm of 180 acres and a handsome fruit farm in Mason Township. His success has been gained through no happy chance, but by virtue of his own hard and unflagging labor, his comprehensive knowledge of land and realty values and an inherent ability for his chosen line of work. Mr. Wilson is a valued and active member of the Chamber of Commerce. A republican in politics, he has never found time to actively enter public affairs, except as a good citizen seeking to secure strong men and good measures for his community. With his family, he is a member of the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Wilson was married September 12, 1894, to Miss Osa Drummond, who died February 25, 1911, aged thirty-three years, having been the mother of six children: Nina M., Hobart McKinley, James O., Hollace, Dorothea V. and Gretchen. Mr. Wilson's second marriage was to Miss Lou Price, November 15, 1911, she being a daughter of Kingston and Julia (Preston) Price, of Johnson County, Kentucky. Mr. Price was a groceryman and a soldier of the Civil War. Mrs. Julia (Preston) Price, who was born in Johnson County, Kentucky, died in 1878, having been the mother of six children: C. Line, Alice M., Lou, Jeremiah, Kingston F., Jr., and Jennie. Mr. Price was married the second time to Vina Mills, and they became the parents of two children: Mary J. and John. Mrs. Price died in 1893, and Mr. Price was married the third time to Martha Maynard, who died without issue in 1913.

Arthur and Wilmer Smith. One of the successful business enterprises of Ironton is that conducted by Arthur and Wilmer Smith, under the firm style of Smith Brothers Company, furniture dealers. The brothers have experienced the vicissitudes which are liable to be encountered by every merchant, but have triumphed over their discouragements, and today are numbered among the successful men of the younger generation doing business in this flourishing city. They are sons of Cornelius and Amelia (Strother) Smith, the former born at Ironton, Ohio, in 1849, and the latter in Wayne County, Kentucky, in 1848. The father, who spent his life as a laborer at Ironton, was a mail carrier during the Civil War, his route lying between Ironton and Gwen-

dolyn. There were seven children in the family, of whom three are deceased, the survivors being: Low D., Arthur, Wilmer and Elizabeth.

Arthur Smith was born at Ironton, Ohio, September 21, 1876, and received only ordinary educational advantages, attending the public schools until reaching the Seventh Grade. At that time, when but fourteen years of age, he took upon his young shoulders life's responsibilities, becoming a laborer in the old Star Mill, where he continued for five years. At the end of that time, with his brothers, Low D. and Wilmer, he embarked in the grocery business at Ironton, but after a business life of four and one-half years obstacles were met which could not be overcome and the venture failed. In 1900, nothing daunted, the brothers again engaged in the grocery business, and about one year later established a notion store on North Second Street, of which Arthur Smith had charge for six years. At this time Low D. Smith disposed of his interests to his brothers and retired from the firm, and the latter then closed out the grocery and notion stores and in 1910 embarked in the furniture business. Through able management and tireless industry, aided by the experience gained in their former ventures, the brothers have built up a prosperous business, which is constantly growing and attracting a representative patronage.

Arthur Smith is unmarried. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. His political views are those of the democratic party, and his religious connection is with the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He gives the major part of his attention to the duties of his business, but when he can lay aside its cares for a time is fond of travel and hunting and is also a baseball enthusiast. His acquaintance is large at Ironton and his friends numerous.

Wilmer Smith was born at Ironton, March 28, 1879, and like his brother only received ordinary educational advantages. When the Spanish-American War broke out he demonstrated his patriotism by enlisting in Company E, Seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which organization he served as a private. Upon his return to civil life he joined his brothers in business, and his ability, resource, progressive ideas and energetic nature have done much to insure the success of the company of which he is a member. Like his brother, Mr. Smith is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and a democrat in politics, and like him also is a "booster" for the best interests of his native place. He is generally popular, as testified by a wide circle of friends.

On May 30, 1900, Wilmer Smith was married at Ironton to Miss Anna Hill, daughter of Lawrence Hill, and three children have been born to this union: Thelma L., Richard W. and Ralph E.

JOHN W. TULGA. One of the successful business enterprises of Ironton, Ohio, is that established at Ninth and Park Avenues in 1897 by John W. Tulga. The founder, a man in but moderate circumstances at the time, was the best possible candidate for a successful wagon manufacturer and blacksmith. He worked harder than would one of independent means, and he was less easy to discourage. His field of operation was an advantageous one, both from the town and country standpoint, and from the start he pursued honorable methods and made his word respected and his workmanship admired. The result is a business which is not only financially remunerative, but adds to the prestige of the community as a center of business activity.

Mr. Tulga is a product of Lawrence County, having been born at Etna Furnace, December 22, 1871, a son of John H. and Annie (Speckman) Tulga. The father was born at Pine Grove, Lawrence County, a member of an old and honored family of the Hanging Rock Region, in 1848, and has passed his life in the peaceful pursuit of tilling the soil, in which he has earned a competence that now allows him to live in comfortable retirement at his home at Sedgwick. He married Mrs. Annie (Speckman) Saunders, a widow, who was born in 1842, at Metropolis, Illinois, and had one child by her former marriage: Henry E. John H. and Annie Tulga became the parents of five children, namely: John H., Jr., John W., Amelia, Mary and Anne.

John W. Tulga was a student at the public schools of Ironton until reaching the age of fourteen years, at which time he took his place among the world's workers as an employe of the nail mill. He was industrious and enterprising, but found that his wages were but small, and in order to better his condition learned the trade of blacksmith, at which he worked at the old Olive Street wagon works for a period of nine years. It had been always his ambition to be the proprietor of a business of his own, and this ambition he gratified in 1897, when he started in a small way to manufacture wagons at Ninth and Park Avenues. To his original plant he has constantly added as the steady increase of patronage has demanded, and he now has one of the most modern plants in this section, fully equipped with the most highly improved machinery known to the business. He is the owner of both plant and property, which with stock and equipment are valued between $20,000 and $25,000. Mr. Tulga is well known to the dealers in his line of business and is a valued member of the Tri-State Retail Carriage Dealers Association. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, and has a well-established reputation generally in commercial circles. Mr. Tulga is well known as a driver and as an excellent judge of horse-flesh. He is a republican in his political views, but has not let political affairs interfere with his business. With his

family, he attends the Emanuel Church, and resides in his own pleasant residence at No. 212 Park Avenue.

Mr. Tulga was married April 26, 1899, at the home of the bride at Ironton, to Miss Elizabeth Zimmermann, daughter of Valentine and Sophia Zimmermann, of this city, retired farming people of Lawrence County. Mr. and Mrs. Tulga have one child: Raymond H., who is attending school.

William J. Doran. One of the successful business men of Ironton, William J. Doran, secretary, treasurer and manager of the Crystal Ice Company, has illustrated in his career the opportunities that are presenting themselves to the men of today who are possessed of enterprise and initiative, have the ability and are not afraid of hard, persistent labor. He was given only ordinary advantages in his youth, but made the most of them, and the success which has come to him is but the merited reward of well-directed effort. Mr. Doran is a native of Ohio, born at Portsmouth, Scioto County, December 27, 1868, his parents being Michael and Erma (Schuh) Doran.

Michael Doran was born in Pennsylvania, in 1846, and in young manhood came to Ohio, locating at Portsmouth, where he became a puddler in the mills. He was a quiet, unassuming citizen, spent his life in industrious labor, and died in 1912, at the age of sixty-six years. Mrs. Doran, who was born in Germany in 1848, came to this country in young womanhood, and still survives her husband, being a resident of Ironton. There were ten children in the family: William J., Ida, Emma C., Mary, Thomas T., Estella, Frank, Rose, Edward P. and Francis D., of whom Thomas T. and Frank are deceased.

William J. Doran was educated in the parochial school of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, which he attended until thirteen years of age, and at that time took his place among the world's workers as an employe of the puddling department at the iron mills. He was thus engaged for five years and then became a laborer at the ice plant, where, during the following twelve years, he gained much valuable experience in the line of ice-making machinery. Succeeding this he went to Jackson, Jackson County, Ohio, where he had the supervision of the building of an ice plant, and this he managed for one year, then returning to Ironton to attend Davidson's Business College. After six months in that school, Mr. Doran went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he became chief engineer at the Knox Ice Company's plant, but after one and one-half years again came to Ironton. Here he became manager of the Crystal Ice Company, and in 1907 purchased stock in the business and was elected secretary and treasurer, positions he has continued to hold. Through Mr. Doran's good

management and ability to make the most of opportunities, the business has enjoyed a steady and healthy growth, and is now justly regarded as one of the substantial enterprises of Ironton. Mr. Doran is widely experienced in his chosen vocation, is known as an expert operator of ice making machinery and is held in the highest confidence by his associates. The duties of his business have been such as to demand his attention to the exclusion of other matters, but he has neglected no opportunity to demonstrate his interest in his community's welfare. In political matters he supports the candidates of the democratic party. He is a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, and for some time has been its treasurer. Mr. Doran is unmarried.

William H. Heiner has developed a most successful nursery and market-gardening business at Ironton, Lawrence County, where he has a well improved tract of nine and one-half acres, devoted largely to truck gardening, but special attention being now given to the propagating of seeds and bulbs for food products rather than in the line of floriculture. Mr. Heiner is one of the progressive and loyal citizens of Ironton and takes vital interest in all that touches its welfare and advancement. He is a valued member of the city council at the present time and has received other marks of popular confidence and esteem.

Mr. Heiner was born at Allegheny City, now known simply as Allegheny, in Pittsburgh County, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of September, 1853, and is a son of George and Magdalene (Hefner) Heiner, the former of whom was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, in 1811, and the latter of whom was born in the ancient City of Strasburg, capital of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, in 1823, her native province having been still a part of French territory at the time of her birth and having passed to German control as a result of the Franco-Prussian War. Of the ten children six are living, and the names of the entire number are indicated, in respective order of birth and with proper noting of those who have passed away: George (deceased), Caroline, William H., Louisa (deceased), Elizabeth, Magdalene (deceased), Henry, Sarah, Mary, and Edward (deceased). The father, George Heiner, immigrated with his wife to America in 1853 and after passing about one year in the State of Pennsylvania he came to Ohio, in 1854, and established his home at Ironton, as one of the sterling pioneers of Lawrence County. He purchased the tract of land on a part of which his son William H., of this review, now lives at 3803 South Third Street, and here he continued to apply himself earnestly and industriously to market gardening until his death, in 1872, his wife surviving him by more than thirty years and having

been called to the life eternal in 1905, at the venerable age of eighty-two years.

William H. Heiner attended the public schools of Ironton until he had attained to the age of seventeen years, and thereafter he worked for his father until the latter's death, about two years later. He then assumed the management of the home place, in the interest of the entire family, and thus continued his labors until about 1880, when the estate was settled and the heirs given their proper apportionment. In the final adjustment Mr. Heiner assumed heavy responsibilities, as he purchased the home place and paid the other heirs, and in the intervening years he has achieved unequivocal success, gained through zealous industry and good management, which have placed him in independent financial status. He has added somewhat to the area of the old homestead, to meet the demands of his business, and now has about nine and one-half acres of ground, improved with model hot-beds and otherwise excellently equipped for the market-gardening and nursery business. For a number of years Mr. Heiner gave more or less attention to work at the carpenter's trade, and his ability in this trade is indicated by his membership in the carpenters' union. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, holds membership in the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Heiner has made excellent improvements on his residence property, and he is the owner also of the building utilized as a store.

Mr. Heiner shows characteristic loyalty and progressiveness in his effective service as a member of the city council, to which he was first elected in 1911. Popular appreciation of his labors in this municipal body, to which he was chosen from the city at large rather than from a specific ward, was shown in his re-election, by a gratifying majority, in 1913. He was formerly a member of the board of trustees of the Lawrence County Infirmary, having been for two years clerk of the board and for an equal period its president. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is well fortified in his opinions concerning governmental affairs, both local and national.

It is worthy of record that in 1877, when he was twenty-four years of age, Mr. Heiner found an effective means of recuperating his impaired health, by making the long overland trip, with horse and wagon, to Southern Florida. Another young man accompanied him on the journey and they traversed a distance of 3,000 miles, ninety days being consumed ere they reached their destination, and the return trip being made by railroad.

At Ironton, on the 26th of April, 1887, Mr. Heiner wedded Miss Caroline E. Ensinger, daughter of Christopher and Katherine A. Ensinger,

both natives of Germany, where the former was born in 1830, and the latter in 1832. Mrs. Heiner was the fifth in order of birth of the family of eleven children, the others being Mary B., Wilhelmina (deceased), George W., Agnes (deceased), Emma D., William F., Rosa R., Charles E., and Frank A. and John J., who are deceased. Christopher Ensinger was a pioneer of Lawrence County, and here conducted the well known Old Reliable Dairy from 1859 until his death, in 1907, his wife having passed to the life eternal in 1905. He was one of a company of fifteen enterprising citizens who first introduced into Lawrence County the pure-bred and registered Holstein-Frisian cattle, and he became an extensive and successful breeder of this fine type of stock, his fine herd having been a source of much pride to him and the same having attracted much attention on the part of breeders and farmers. Mr. Ensinger was an influential and honored citizen and served in various offices of local trust, including many years' incumbency of the position of director of the county infirmary. Mr. and Mrs. Heiner became the parents of two children,—Chester E., who died at the age of 11 months; and Karl W., who is engaged in the grocery business in the City of Cincinnati: he married Miss Garnet Brimstead and they have no children.

Oliver U. O'Neill, M. D. Well fortified in technical skill and in unfaltering devotion to his exacting and humane profession, Dr. O'Neill holds place as one of the representative physicians and surgeons engaged in practice in the City of Ironton, the capital and metropolis of Lawrence County. There is distinctive satisfaction in noting his professional and civic status by reason of his being a native son of the county which is still his home, and he is a representative of an old and honored family of this section of the State.

Dr. O'Neill was born in Mason Township, Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 1st of March, 1870, and is a son of William and Rhuama (Wymer) O'Neill, the former of whom was born in Monroe County, this State, in 1825, a member of a family, of Irish lineage, that was founded in this commonwealth in the pioneer days, and the latter of whom was born in Morgan County, on the 3d of March, 1834: she is one of the venerable and loved pioneer women of Lawrence County and still resides on the old homestead farm in Mason Township, where her husband died in his eightieth year, secure in the high esteem of all who knew him. William O'Neill devoted virtually his entire active career to the basic industry of agriculture, of which he was long a prosperous and representative exponent in Lawrence County, and to him was due also the honor of having served as a defender of the Union in the Civil War. He enlisted as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer

Infantry, and his term of service comprised about fifteen months, at the expiration of which he received his honorable discharge, his continued interest in his old comrades having been indicated in later years by his affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic. William and Rhuama (Wymer) O'Neill became the parents of six children, the names of whom are here entered, in the respective order of birth: John W., George W., Enola A., Elmer, Nelson W. and Oliver U. Of the number Enola A., Elmer and Nelson W. are deceased.

To the public schools of his native county Dr. O'Neill is indebted for his early educational training, and he had the good fortune or wisdom to make proper preliminary provision for the responsibilities and intellectual demands that were to be placed upon him in the profession of his choice, for he did not neglect that all important feature of adequate academic training as a prerequisite of that of technical order. After a course in the Ohio Northern Normal University, at Ada, Hardin County, the Doctor devoted four years to successful teaching in the public schools of his native State, and in preparation for his chosen profession he was matriculated in the medical department of the University of Louisville, Kentucky, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1897 and from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine, his assiduity and ambition as a student having been on a parity with those that he has exemplified in the active work of his profession.

The professional novitiate of Dr. O'Neill was served in his native township, where he established himself in practice with residence headquarters in the village of Wilgus. He soon emerged from the ranks of the tyros of his chosen calling and developed a substantial practice, to which he continued to devote his attention for three years. For three months thereafter he was located at Valley View, Madison County, Kentucky, and he then returned to Lawrence County and passed nine months in practice at Aid. In 1903 he transferred his residence and professional headquarters to the city of Ironton, and here he has lived up most fully to the larger and more exacting duties devolving upon him both as a physician and as a progressive and public-spirited citizen. He has served as coroner of his county for four years and was re-elected in 1914 for another two years in that office. He has a substantial and representative practice, and its scope and importance best vouch for his ability and personal popularity in the county that has always represented his home.

Dr. O'Neill is actively identified with the Lawrence County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is serving at the present time not only as county coroner but also as secretary of the Lawrence County Board of United States Pension Examining Surgeons. The Doctor is aligned as a loyal supporter of the

principles of the republican party, both he and his wife are zealous members of the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is affiliated with the local organizations of the Knights of Pythias, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and Junior Order of United American Mechanics. His attractive residence, at the corner of South Third and Walnut Streets, is owned by the Doctor, and he owns another residence property, on Fourth Street, as well as a block devoted to business and residence-apartments, on South Third Street. He is a directer of the South Side Building, Loan & Savings Company.

On the 22d of December, 1898, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. O'Neill to Miss Ida Mae Ruth, daughter of George and Maria Ruth, of Portsmouth, Scioto County, both parents being now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. O'Neill became the parents of three children, the first born having been Collis W., who died in childhood. Ruth and Stanley P. remain at the parental home and add to its attractions as a center of gracious hospitality.

Peter K. Funk. Among the business men of the Hanging Rock and Calumet Region who are winning success through individual effort and are contributing to the industrial development of this prosperous section of Ohio, Peter K. Funk, superintendent of the lasting department of the Excelsior Shoe Company, is deserving of mention. His entire business career has been passed with the company with which he is now identified, and his present position has been gained by steadfast and conscientious effort, as he entered its employ at the bottom of the ladder.

Mr. Funk was born at Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio, September 29, 1876, and is a son of Theodore K. and Emma Dora (King) Funk. His father was born at Arabia, Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1848, and as a young man adopted the profession of law, in which he is still engaged at Portsmouth. He is well and favorably known among the lawyers of Scioto County, and has served two terms as prosecuting attorney. Mrs. Funk was born at Portsmouth in 1856 and has been the mother of six children: Peter K., Elizabeth, Ada B., Laura B., Sarah and James W., of whom Sarah is now deceased.

Peter K. Funk went to the public schools of Portsmouth until he had completed the Fourth Grade, and then became a student in the county schools under Professor Lowe. It was his youthful intention to adopt his father's calling, and at the age of nineteen years he began to read law under the preceptorship of the elder man, but after two years the Spanish-American War came on and Mr. Funk enlisted in Company H, Fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he saw active service in Porto Rico for two months. Enlisting as a private, he won

promotion through brave and faithful service, and was honorably discharged as lieutenant of his company. On his return from his military service Mr. Funk entered the Portsmouth plant of the Excelsior Shoe Company as a laborer, but his recognized abilities and industrious labor won him advancement, and in 1906 he was made superintendent of the lasting department of the plant at Ironton, a position he has continued to capably fill to the present time. He enjoys the utmost confidence of the officials of the company and has the respect and regard of the men in his department.

Mr. Funk was married October 26, 1900, at the home of the bride at Portsmouth, to Miss Mae Dora Williamson, daughter of Capt. William and Mary (Hunt) Williamson. They are consistent members of the Episcopal Church and reside at No. 126 Etna street, Ironton, while Mr. Funk also owns a residence at Portsmouth. He spends a great deal of his leisure time in reading and in studying machinery, although he is also fond of outdoor sports, notably fishing and hunting. Mr. Funk is a republican and a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and of the Spanish-American War Veterans. Mrs. Funk was born at Red River, Arkansas, where her parents died when she was a child, and she was adopted by Capt. and Mrs. Williamson.

Roscoe S. Wiseman. An Ironton citizen whose part has been quietly and efficiently performed and who is one of the most popular men in that city is Roscoe S. Wiseman, now assistant postmaster. A great many people of Lawrence County know him best for his efficient work as an educator, a profession which he followed for a number of years.

Roscoe S. Wiseman was born in Lawrence County, August 22, 1866, a son of Wilber W. and Martha (Armstrong) Wiseman. His father, who was born in Virginia in 1828, came to Lawrence County, Ohio, when a boy, followed farming with substantial success and passed away in 1899. The mother was born in Lawrence County in 1832 and died in 1893. They were parents of a large family of fourteen children, four of whom died in infancy, while the other ten are mentioned as follows: Thomas O., Sarah A., Arminta E., Charles A., Margaret E., Roscoe S., Ada A., Emma F., James M., Louis W.

It was the ambition of Mr. Wiseman when a boy to get a liberal education and make himself useful in the world. From the common schools of Lawrence County he entered the National Normal University at Lebanon, was a student there until graduating in 1892 and has certificate of graduation in the teachers, the business and the scientific courses. For twelve years his work was in the schoolroom, and during the last five years chiefly in Normal School work and as an instructor in summer

schools. Since August 20, 1903, Mr. Wiseman has been assistant postmaster, and was appointed by Mr. J. B. Stoble. No one understands so thoroughly all the details of that office as Mr. Wiseman, and his efficient work has done a great deal to popularize the postal department with the citizens of Ironton.

On September 20, 1893, Mr. Wiseman married Lorena Stewart, a daughter of O. P. Stewart of Lawrence County. Their five children are Elizabeth I., Merrill R., Oliver M., Elmer S. and Wilber L. Mr. Wiseman has affiliations with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, is a republican in politics, and belongs to the First Baptist Church of Ironton. It should also be said that Mr. Wiseman is regarded as the champion checker player in the state of Ohio. Outside of his official duties he finds recreation occasionally in fishing and hunting, but most of his time is divided between his office and his home. He is the owner of a good residence in Ironton.

Henry J. Scherer. A business concern at Ironton which has stood for good service and progressive principles for a number of years is that of Scherer Bros., roofers, tinners and plumbers at 313 South Third street. The business has been in existence for a period of about forty years, and Henry J. Scherer is now one of the brothers who took over the concern, which had been founded by their father and later managed by their mother, and by their united energies have given it a more than local prestige.

Henry J. Scherer was born at Ironton October 29, 1870. His father, Michael M. Scherer, born in Germany in 1824, learned his trade of tinner, and established a shop at Ironton about 1874. He continued business until his death in 1882. Michael Scherer married Constance Deitrich, who was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1831, and died in 1913. Their eight children were William M., Ellen, Jacob F., Pauline (deceased), Henry J., Mary, Frank B. and Caroline.

Henry J. Scherer was educated in St. Joseph's parochial school until fourteen years of age, then learned the tinner's trade under his father, was employed as journeyman workman by the senior Scherer, and when his mother took over the management of the business continued as her right-hand man until her death. He and his brother Frank then bought out the enterprise, and have since conducted it under their name as Scherer Bros. The shop, stock and material are valued at about five thousand dollars, and they do a general roofing and metal business, also plumbing and steam fitting, and have handled many of the important contracts throughout the Hanging Rock Iron Region.

Mr. Scherer was married on April 15, 1895, at Ironton, to Rosie

Haubert, daughter of Nicholas Haubert, a Lawrence County farmer. Their three children are Edith, Ethel and Milton. Mr. Scherer, with his family, is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of St. George's Association, is a republican in politics, and a member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce. He owns his home at 438 South Fifth street, and a half interest in a piece of business property on South Third street. While his business has absorbed most of his attention, Mr. Scherer takes his pleasure in outdoor life, in fishing and hunting, and is especially fond of a fox hunt. Both he and his brothers started in life as poor men, and have gained prosperity as a result of hard work and close attention to business.

Oscar E. Kinkead. An example of the thrift and progressiveness that have combined to make Ironton one of the most thriving business communities of the Hanging Rock Region is the dry cleaning establishment of Oscar E. Kinkead, located at Third and Wyanoke streets. This enterprise was commenced in a modest manner, but has grown steadily since its inception, attracting a wide and representative trade by reason of the excellent business ability and good management of its proprietor. Mr. Kinkead was born at Ashland, Kentucky, February 24, 1860, and is a son of William and Susan E. (Haskill) Kinkead. On the maternal side he belongs to one of the oldest families of Lawrence County, being descended from one of the pioneers of the Hanging Rock Region, James Haskill, the founder of the town of Haskillville. William Kinkead was raised on the old Kinkead homestead place in Kentucky, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, but subsequently turned his attention to merchandising and was thus engaged at the time of his death in 1864. Mrs. Kinkead was born at Haskillville, Lawrence County, Ohio, and died in 1910, at the age of sixty-eight years. She was married a second time, to O. J. Chalmers, of Marietta, Ohio, and had one son: Dr. J. H. Chalmers, a practicing physician of Cincinnati, Ohio. Oscar E. Kinkead is the only child born to his parents' union.

Oscar F. Kinkead was afforded good educational advantages in his youth, attending the schools of Ashland, Kentucky, until reaching the age of twenty-one years. At that time he engaged in a general merchandising business at Forrestdale, Ohio, at which place he continued to operate for three years, and then went south to Tennessee, where he was in the stock and fruit business until 1900. In that year Mr. Kinkead disposed of his interests in the South and returned to his Ashland home, where he received his introduction to his present line of business, carrying on a dry cleaning establishment there for six years. Desiring a broader field for his activities, Mr. Kinkead next came to Ironton, where

he purchased property and built his present plant, at Third and Wyanoke streets, which he has fitted up with the best and most modern machinery to be secured, and the property is now valued at $3,500. Mr. Kinkead's success may be said to be in large part due to the personal attention which he gives to every detail of his business and his policy of giving full value for every dollar. He bears an excellent reputation in business circles as a man who exercises fidelity in all of his engagements. Aside from his business, Mr. Kinkead takes great interest in apple and other fruit growing, and owns a farm on which he spends much of his spare time. He is also the owner of his residence at No. 1248 South Third street.

Mr. Kinkead was married to Miss Elizabeth Heiner, daughter of George Heiner, a gardener of Ironton, at her home in this city, December 24, 1885. One child has been born to this union: Eva Lina, who married John McQuaid, who is now engaged in business with his father-in-law. Mr. Kinkead is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a republican in politics, and serves as a member of the school board. Mr. Kinkead also holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce.

George T. McNary. The thriving industrial city of Ironton, Lawrence County, claims as one of its representative business men and progressive citizens Mr. McNary, and special interest attaches to his standing in the community by reason of his being a native of the county in which he has achieved noteworthy success.

Mr. McNary was born in the little village of Sedwick, Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 4th of April, 1876, and is a son of William and Eleanor (Woods) McNary, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, in 1842, and the latter of whom was born at Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio, in 1840, as a member of a sterling pioneer family of that section of the state. William McNary was reared and educated in the old Keystone State and came to Ohio about the year 1870. Soon after his marriage he settled on a farm near Sedwick, Lawrence County, and he became one of the substantial agriculturists and influential citizens of that part of the county. He continued his residence in Lawrence County until his death, which occurred in 1902, his devoted wife having been summoned to eternal rest in 1911. Of the six children the eldest is Elmer, who is engaged in the real-estate business in the City of St. Louis, Missouri; Minnie is a skilled stenographer and is employed as such in the City of Ironton; George T. is the immediate subject of this review; Erwin E. is individually mentioned on other pages of this work; Wilbur is a physician and surgeon by profession and is engaged in practice in

the City of East St. Louis, Illinois; and Margaret is employed as a stenographer, at Ironton.

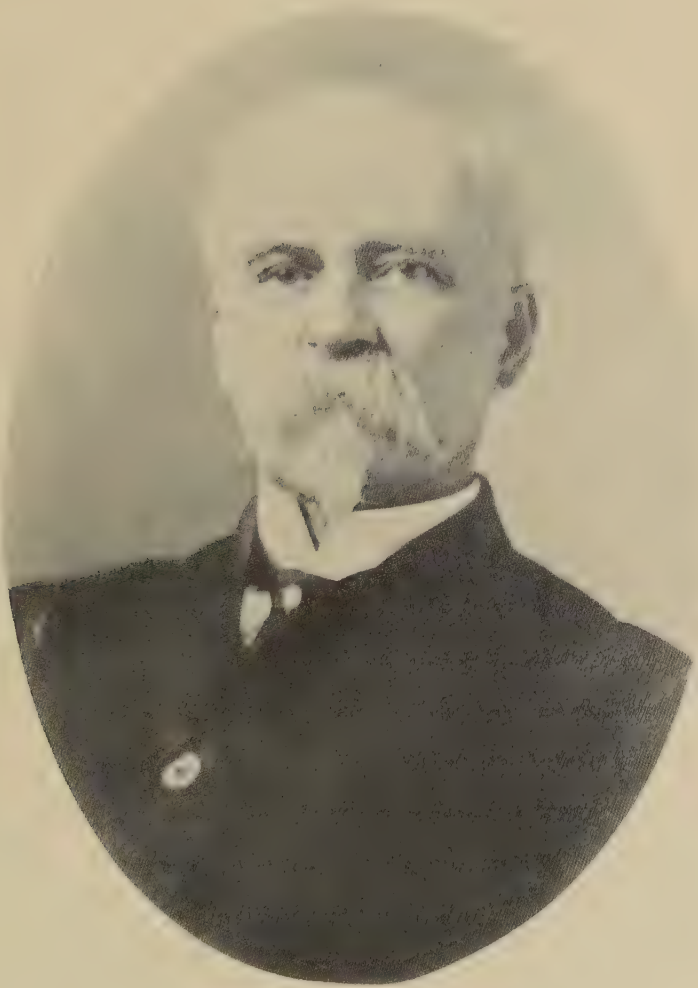
George T. McNary is indebted to the public schools of Lawrence County for his early educational advantages, which included those of the Ironton High School. He left school at the age of seventeen years and he then became identified with the operations of the iron furnaces and incidental enterprises in Lawrence County. After a period of eleven months' service he was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent, and he continued to be actively concerned with this important line of industry for nine years in Lawrence County, and for the ensuing decade he was identified with the wire and nail department of the Belfort Iron & Nail Company. Later he held for nine months a position as machinist in the works of the Ironton Engine Company, and in March, 1914, he engaged in the retail grocery business in his present attractive and eligible quarters, at 979 South Third street, where his personal popularity and the effective service given have gained to him a substantial and appreciative patronage.

In politics Mr. McNary gives his allegiance to the republican party, both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian Church and he holds membership in the Ironton Chamber of Commerce. His long association with the iron industry in this section of the state has made Mr. McNary familiar with all details of this line of enterprise, in which he still continues to take much interest and the value of which as a contribution to the general well-being of the community he fully appreciates. He is the owner of a residence property in his native town of Sedwick.

On the 25th of March, 1900, Mr. McNary wedded Miss Effie Kinkaid daughter of John and Kate Kinkaid, of Ironton, and the two children of this union are Georgia Eleanor and Mildred May.

Francis Edwin Hayward. In fertility of resource, in the practical application of every scientific force, in genius of organization and in breadth of operation, America leads the world. Ohio and the Middle West have not failed to supply their due quota of minds rich in natural faculties to the long list of American men of ability, and the subject of the present review, Francis Edwin Hayward, of Ironton, has well won a place on the roll of successful promoters and manufacturers. Mr. Hayward was born May 13, 1848, in the Lower French Grant, Scioto County, Ohio, and is a son of Eliphaz Hayward and Mary (Cadot) Hayward, and a grandson of Moses Hayward and Claudius Cadot.

The boyhood and youth of Francis Edwin Hayward were passed at the place of his nativity, his early education being secured in the public schools, this being subsequently supplemented by a course at Duff's Com-



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mercial College, at Pittsburgh, where he was graduated in 1870. He began his business career as a salesman of Singer sewing machines for George D. Selby, his territory being Lawrence and Jackson counties, Ohio, and the success which he gained in this line of endeavor leads him to regard it as the most notable achievement, all things considered, in his long and uniformly successful career. Succeeding this, Mr. Hayward spent three years in the mercantile department of the Los Gatos Manufacturing Company, of Los Gatos, California, and in the spring of 1874 returned to Ohio and established himself in the retail grocery business at Ironton, an enterprise with which he was identified for a period of twenty-six years, merging it into the exclusive wholesale grocery business with Drake S. Murdock, March 26, 1900. For a long period of years he was a director in the Ironton Fire Brick Company, was its secretary and treasurer for eighteen years, and eventually became its president, a position which he held until 1903, when, because of ill health, he sold the two plants at Ironton and Hayward, Carter County, Kentucky, together with his mineral lands, to the Ashland Fire Brick Company, of which he became vice-president. At the time of the death of the president, S. S. Savage, in 1904, he was prevailed upon to accept the presidency of the concern, but in 1906 resigned from that position, sold his fire brick interests and retired from active business. Mr. Hayward then took his wife and daughter to California, where he spent four months, and since returning to Ironton, in 1907, has devoted his attention to the handling of stock and various other local investments. Mr. Hayward has long been greatly interested in business and financial enterprises at Ironton, and to their upbuilding has given the benefit of his broad experience, able management and shrewd business judgment. He is a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Ironton, of which he was vice-president for six years, a stockholder and director in the Ironton Portland Cement Company, and was formerly secretary of the Lawrence Telephone Company. One of his most notable achievements is the brick plant at Hayward, Carter County, Kentucky, which he erected in 1900. This became known as one of the most remarkable ventures of its kind in the country, because of the ease with which it was operated and the cheapness of production, and is still known as one of the most perfect plants of its kind to be found. Although now somewhat retired from the activities and worries of business life, Mr. Hayward continues to be a force and an acknowledged power in whatever movement he engages in. As a citizen he has done much to advance the best interests of Ironton, and his name is synonymous with strict integrity, business probity and public-spirited citizenship. In political matters he is an uncompromising republican.

On January 28, 1874, Mr. Hayward was married to Miss Julia A. Work, and three children have been born to this union, as follows: Frank Roy, who was four years with John Wanamaker and became assistant superintendent of the great department store of Siegel, Cooper & Company, of New York City; Claude Cadot, who was an attorney of Ironton, was with the law firm of Belcher & Hayward for a time and is now sales manager for the Ashland Fire Brick Co., of Ashland, Kentucky; and Mary Elizabeth, who resides with her parents.

Oscar Wiehle. Among Ironton's flourishing business houses, one which contributes materially to the importance of this city in manufacturing lines is Wiehle Brothers Soap Works, an enterprise which has been developed under the capable management of Oscar Wiehle. Mr. Wiehle has been identified with this line of business throughout his career, and is thoroughly experienced in every detail of soap-making, while his superior executive ability is evidenced by the high reputation in which the firm is held. He was born at Ripley, Brown County, Ohio, September 22, 1867, and is a son of Robert and Frances (Liebert) Wiehle.

Robert Wiehle was born in Germany in 1836, and was a lad of eleven years when he accompanied his parents to the United States, the family settling first at Detroit, Michigan, where he secured his education and grew to manhood. In 1860 he removed to Ripley, Ohio, and engaged in the manufacture of soap, and subsequently came to Ironton, where he continued in business until his retirement in 1903. His death occurred November 18, 1913, when Ironton lost one of its energetic and able business men and public-spirited citizens. Mrs. Wiehle was born at Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio, in 1855, and died at Ironton in 1903. She had been the mother of seven children, as follows: Oscar, William, Edward, Elmer, Hildegarde, Mary and Frances, of whom the last two are deceased.

Oscar Wiehle was educated in the public and high schools, which he attended until reaching the age of sixteen years, and at that time entered his father's business as a factory hand, thus working his way up through the various departments of the industry and thoroughly familiarizing himself with every detail. In 1892 the father and sons organized an independent company known as the Wiehle Soap Company, with a capital stock of $25,000. This business continued to carry on operations successfully until 1903, when, the father desiring to retire, the factory was sold and the affairs of the company settled up. After a short period the sons organized the present venture, Wiehle Brothers Soap Works, which has continued in successful operation, the plant and stock at this time being conservatively valued at $10,000. While Mr. Wiehle devotes the greater

part of his interest to the soap business, he is also connected with other enterprises, being a stockholder in the Ironton Engine Company. Among his associates he is known as an exceptionally capable business man, progressive in his ideas and enterprising in his actions.

Mr. Wiehle is single. He is independent in his political views and has not sought public office, although any movement that affects his community at once enlists his interest. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious connection is with the German Reformed Church. He has always been fond of travel, and generally passes the winter months in this form of pleasure, either in Cuba or Florida.

Charles A. Humphryes. One of the best-known and most successful men in his own particular line of endeavor in Ohio, Charles A. Humphryes, of Ironton, is one of the earliest settlers of the Hanging Rock Region, and although much of his life has been spent outside of its borders he is valued as a helpful citizen and as a man who through his own achievements has contributed to the importance and prestige of the community in which he now makes his home. Mr. Humphryes was born in Pike County, Missouri, November 2, 1852, and is a son of William G. and Diana (Beekmann) Humphryes.

William G. Humphryes was a native of the old State of Virginia, where he was born in 1827, and there grew up amid agricultural surroundings, so that in his youth he adopted the vocation of farmer. In 1857 he removed to Bloom Furnace, Scioto County, Ohio, and for some years engaged in teaming around the iron furnaces, but in later life went to Jackson, the county seat of Jackson County, Ohio, and there passed away in 1895. Mr. Humphryes was married to Miss Diana Beekmann, who was born in Ohio in 1830, and she died in 1869, having been the mother of seven children: Ellen, Charles A., James A., Annie, Asbury J., May and a child which died in infancy. Mr. Humphryes was subsequently married to Margaret Williams, a widow, who survives and makes her home at Jackson, and three children were born to them: Benjamin, William and Walter.

Charles A. Humphryes received only limited educational advantages in his youth, attending the Scioto County public schools until he was eleven years old and at that early age entering upon life's responsibilities as a worker in the mines. He was thus employed until reaching the age of seventeen, when he became assistant engineer to old John Loomis, who had charge of the machinery at Bloom Furnace, and under his guidance received his first instruction in the line in which he was to gain his success in life. After remaining three years in this capacity, Mr.

Humphryes became assistant engineer at the Scioto Furnace, where he remained one year, and then spent a like period as engineer at the Buckhorn Furnace, following which he became engineer for the iron and steel plant located at Ironton, and was so engaged three years. This was followed by a similar period in the same capacity at the Big Etna Furnace, and one year at the Campbell Sarah Furnace, this being succeeded by four years at the Hanging Rock Furnace. In 1890 Mr. Humphryes became identified with the American Water and Guarantee Company, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as constructing engineer, and for nearly a quarter of a century was in charge of the water works at Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Humphryes is an expert in the placing, construction and perfecting of water works and equipment, particularly in the line of filtration plants, and at this time has two patents on filtration improvements which are meeting with much favor among constructing engineers all over the country. He has made a specialty of putting in water works machinery, and although he is now somewhat retired from active business life, is still frequently called into consultation in the installing of important and difficult plants.

Mr. Humphryes was married at Ironton, November 2, 1878, to Miss Maria Lanton, daughter of Edward Lanton of this city, and five children have been born to this union: Edward, who is general superintendent of the water works at Little Rock, Arkansas, married Pearl Horschell, and has one child—Edward, Jr.; Howard, a railroad machinist of Dellsworth, Minnesota; Addie, a stenographer living at Erie, Pennsylvania; Bertha, who is a well-known actress; and Chester, a practicing chemist. Mr. Humphryes is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Presbyterian Church, and his political belief is that of the republican party. He is an ardent sportsman, and frequently takes hunting and fishing trips, seldom returning without some worthy trophy of field or stream. Since returning to Ironton, in 1914, he has renewed acquaintances and reestablished friendships, and is continuing to show an interest in the growth and development of the region to which he first came so many years ago.

John M. Urick. Of the merchants who have assisted in sustaining the business integrity of Ironton, more than passing mention is due John M. Urick, a member of an old and well-known family of the Hanging Rock Region, who for fifteen years has been the proprietor of a grocery store here. This business has enjoyed a consistent and pleasing growth, and reflects the untiring zeal, energy and perseverance of the man who, from a small beginning, has advanced its fortunes to the prominence of a necessary commercial adjunct.

Mr. Urick was born at Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio, April 25, 1865, and is a son of James B. and Hannah (Goddard) Urick. His father was born in Botetourt County, Virginia, in 1823, and was brought to Lawrence County when a mere lad, here growing up amid agricultural surroundings and early adopting the vocations of gardener and farmer, in which he continued to be engaged throughout his active years. An industrious and hard-working man, he rounded out a long and useful life in 1888, when he passed away at the age of sixty-five years. Hannah (Goddard) Urick was born in Pennsylvania in 1827, came to Ohio in girlhood, and here died May 11, 1911. She was the mother of ten children, as follows: Thomas C., Emily F., Lydia, James A., Rosie, Mary, Luella, Sarah, John M., William and Lily, of whom Lydia, James A. and John M. are the survivors.

John M. Urick received only ordinary educational advantages in his youth, for when he was a student in the Seventh Grade he laid aside his books to assist his father in his gardening operations. Following this he was employed in a brick yard for three years, and then received his introduction to the grocery business as driver of the delivery wagon for W. H. Lynd, an Ironton grocer. After six months, his industry and faithfulness won him promotion to the position of inside clerk, in which capacity he was employed for fifteen years, during which time he familiarized himself thoroughly with every detail of the business. Mr. Urick entered the business field on his own account June 19, 1899, when he opened an establishment at Seventh and Monroe streets, a property which he still owns and in which he has continued to carry on a large and constantly-increasing business. He has added frequently to his stock and by his diligent attention to the requirements of the public, his careful and intelligent buying, his courteous treatment of customers and his prompt and honest dealings, he has established a trade which is not surpassed, either in quantity or quality, by any similar patronage in Ironton. Mr. Urick is the owner of his own residence at No. 205 South Seventh Street and several other residence properties, and is a director of the Star Building and Loan Association. As a side line he raises White Leghorn chickens, poultry of a superior quality, and at this time has a flock of about 300 hens. Mrs. Urick, who is also possessed of good business ability, raises dahlias for the market and receives a goodly return for her labors. They are members of Emanuel Methodist Church. Mr. Urick is a member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce and has shown his interest in educational affairs by serving three years as a member of the school board. He is a republican in his political views, and his fraternal connection is with the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Urick was married January 6, 1896, to Miss Emma Nance,

daughter of William Nance, a retired farmer of Lawrence County. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Urick, namely: Hannah, Rachel, Mathilda, Carrie, Frank, Nellie, Margaret and Paul.

Fred W. Geiger. Twice retained as receiver for the Ebert Brewing Company of Ironton, Lawrence County, Mr. Geiger, who is the incumbent of this responsible position at the present time, has shown much discrimination and executive ability in handling the affairs of this business, through his connection with which and other important interests in Ironton he has become well known as one of the representative young business men of his native city.

Mr. Geiger was born at Ironton on the 12th of April, 1886, and is a son of Henry J. and Fannie (Ebert) Geiger, both natives of Klingenburg, Germany, where the former was born in 1850 and the latter in 1853. The father was reared and educated in his native land, where he learned the brewer's trade with all of the thoroughness common to the industry in Germany. In 1869 he immigrated to the United States and after remaining about three months in New York City he came to Ohio and established his residence in Ironton, where he was long and prominently identified with the brewing business and where he has lived virtually a retired life since 1905. He and his wife are well known and popular representatives of the German element of citizenship in Lawrence County and they are the parents of seven children, namely: Leo N., Mathilde B., Henry J., Jr., Fred W., Otto A., Charles T. and Bertha E.

Fred W. Geiger is indebted to the public schools of Ironton for his early educational discipline and after his graduation in the high school, as a member of the class of 1904, he completed a course in the Davidson Business College, in which he was graduated in 1905. Accepting a clerical position in the Iron City Savings Bank, he won advancement through effective service, having held the position of bookkeeper until his promotion to that of teller. Of the latter post he continued to be a valued incumbent until 1908, when he resigned his position to accept that of receiver of the Ebert Brewing Company. He served in this capacity until 1911 and brought the business of the concern into excellent condition. After his retirement he was engaged in the flour and feed business until 1913, when he was again appointed receiver of the Ebert Brewing Company, to the affairs of which he has since continued to give the major part of his time and attention, with the result that he is again bringing the enterprise into effective order, with much discrimination in the administration of the large financial interests involved.

Mr. Geiger is one of the popular young men in the business and social circles of his native city and is the owner of the attractive home at

198 South Fifth Street, the same being made a center of gracious hospitality with his popular wife as its chatelaine. Mr. Geiger was first sergeant of the Ironton High School Cadets during three years of his student life; he is a member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On the 28th of November, 1911, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Geiger to Miss Minnie Fuller, daughter of Van Fuller, a representative citizen of Ironton, and the one child of this union is Helen Louise.

W. Wilson Lynd, M. D. One of the representative physicians and surgeons of the younger generation in his native city and county, Doctor Lynd is established in the successful general practice of his profession at Ironton, the judicial center and metropolis of Lawrence County, with office and residence at 306 South Sixth Street. In the surgical branch of his profession he has performed numerous minor operations and assisted in delicate major operations, but he has not found it expedient to specialize in any phase of practice, as his services have been in requisition along general lines and his success has been such as to indicate popular appreciation of his ability and of his devotion to his exacting and humane vocation.

Doctor Lynd was born at Ironton on the 25th of January, 1879, and is a son of William H. and Nalona L. (Urick) Lynd, both representatives of honored pioneer families of Lawrence County, where the father was born, at Burlington, on the 3d of November, 1852, the mother having been born at Ironton in 1854 and having here been called to the life eternal when but thirty years of age, her death having occurred in 1884. William H. Lynd later wedded Miss Flora Cumpston and they have five children—Georgia, Benjamin, Grace, Howard and Edith. Of the four children of the first marriage one died in infancy and those surviving are James C., Josephine, and Dr. W. Wilson Lynd, of this review. William H. Lynd is a well known citizen and business man of Ironton, where he is engaged in the retail grocery business.

In the public schools of Ironton Doctor Lynd continued his studies until his graduation in the high school, in 1899, and in preparing himself for the work of his chosen profession he was signally favored in having the advantages of that excellent institution, Miami Medical College, in the City of Cincinnati. He was there graduated as a member of the class of 1903, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and he soon afterward established himself in practice at Ironton, where he continued his labors until a nervous breakdown rendered it expedient for him to

lessen his strenuous application and seek more or less radical change, in 1908. He passed about six months in the City of Hanford, California, and thereafter remained about three months in New Mexico, where he passed the required examination and qualified for practice, though his brief sojourn in that section of the Union did not permit him to engage in professional work save in an incidental way. Upon his return to Lawrence County, Ohio, the doctor engaged in practice at South Point, where he built up a substantial business and remained three years. In April, 1912, he resumed practice in the City of Ironton, where he has since continued his successful efforts and controls an excellent practice of representative order. He keeps in close touch with the advances made in medical and surgical science, by availing himself of the best of its standard and periodical literature and through his active affiliation with the Ohio State Medical Society and the Lawrence County Medical Society. While a resident of South Point he served as health officer of the village.

In politics Dr. Lynd continues to pay unfaltering loyalty to the republican party; both he and his wife hold membership in Emanuel Methodist Episcopal Church; and he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Daughters of America, besides which he is identified with the Ironton Chamber of Commerce and is an earnest supporter of its high civic and commercial ideals and policies.

On the 4th of June, 1902, Dr. Lynd wedded Miss Clara Weist, daughter of Henry Weist, a prominent contractor and builder in the City of Cincinnati, and the two children of this union are Lester O., and W. Wilson, Jr.

Joseph C. Weber. One of the thriving enterprises of Ironton which occupies a firmly-established place in the commercial world is Weber Brothers' Greenhouse, located at No. 377 South Sixth Street. This business is characteristic of the energy, progress and good management which have contributed to Ironton's prestige, and its managers, Joseph C. and Frank M. Weber, are justly accounted leaders among the younger generation of business men here. They are sons of Joseph and Mary (Dirker) Weber, the former of whom was born in Germany in 1846 and came to the United States in young manhood, settling at Hecla Furnace, Lawrence County, Ohio. For many years Mr. Weber was engaged in blacksmithing, and was known as an industrious and energetic business man, but is now retired from active life and lives quietly at his home at Ironton. The mother, who also survives, was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1854. There were twelve children in the family, as follows:

Fred W., Joseph C., Frank M., Mary, John F., Albert M., Rosa, Philip W., Henry, Leonard, Lizzie and Clara. Of these, Mary, Rosa and Lizzie are deceased.

Joseph C. Weber was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, July 14, 1878, and until reaching the age of seventeen years attended the public school at Kelly's Mills. At that time he began working on a farm, where he developed a love for flowers and plants as well as decided skill in their culture. When twenty-one years old he came to Ironton, where he received his initiation into the greenhouse business as an employe of Mrs. E. Miller, who had an established business. Seven years later, in partnership with his brother, Frank M., Mr. Weber bought Mrs. Miller's interests, and since that time the business has been conducted as Weber Brothers' Greenhouse. The business has steadily grown in volume and scope, and at this time is valued at $11,000. The buildings are modern, and thoroughly equipped with up-to-date appurtenances, the brothers keeping fully abreast of the advancements which have been made in their line of activity. Joseph C. Weber is a director in the Ironton Athletic and Amusement Company, and is greatly interested in athletics and out-of-door sports, particularly hunting and baseball. He takes an interest in the business growth of the city, and has contributed thereto as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. A consistent member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, he has served as trustee thereof for the past ten years, and is also an active member of the Knights of Columbus and St. George's Society. Politically, he is a democrat, but has only taken a good citizen's part in public matters. Mr. Weber is unmarried.

Frank M. Weber was born in 1880, in Lawrence County, Ohio, and, like his brother, attended the schools of Kelly's Mills until seventeen years of age. He also began his career on a farm, on which he remained for five years, following which he spent two years in the iron works. He then joined his brother in the florist business, to which he has since devoted all of his energies. Mr. Weber is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and of St. George's Society. He is a democrat, but his business duties have precluded any idea of his actively entering politics as a seeker for personal preferment.

On October 27, 1908, Mr. Weber was united in marriage with Miss Clara M. Ball, daughter of Martin Ball, of Ironton.

Samuel A. Bowman. That in considering the status of Mr. Bowman as a representative citizen and valued official of Lawrence County there can be no application of the scriptural aphorism that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country," is evident when it is stated that he is a native of this county, a scion of one of its sterling pioneer

families, and is at the present time serving in the office of county auditor.

Mr. Bowman was born at Southpoint, on Little Solida Creek, Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 16th of November, 1876, and the same place figures as the native heath of his father, Thisle M. Bowman, who was there born on the 2d of April, 1842, his parents having been numbered among the early settlers of Lawrence County and his father having contributed worthily to the social and industrial development of this section of the Buckeye State. Thisle M. Bowman became one of the substantial and representative agriculturists of his native county, and he also follows the trade of cooper for some time. He was a man of distinctive business ability and of sterling character, so that he ever commanded secure place in popular confidence and esteem, as shown by the fact that he was called upon to serve as deputy county auditor and also as deputy sheriff. His death occurred in 1904, and his loved and devoted wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Pemberton, and who was born at Southpoint, Lawrence County, in 1845, was summoned to eternal rest in 1902. The names of their nine children are here entered in respective order of birth: Ames N., Charles W., Dora C., Samuel A., Lucy F., Emma L., Roscoe H., Thisle M., Jr., and Shirley O.

The present county auditor of Lawrence County attended the public schools of his native place until he had attained to the age of eighteen years, and he then put his scholastic acquirements to practical test and utilization by entering the pedagogic profession, of which he became an able and popular representative as a teacher in the schools of this section of the state. He continued his effective services as a teacher until he had attained to the age of twenty-seven years, and thereafter, from 1904 to 1910, he had charge of the rural free mail delivery on Route No. 2, from Ironton. He resigned this incumbency when he became a candidate for the office of county auditor, to which he was elected in 1910, by a majority that emphatically attested his hold upon the confidence and good will of the people of his native county. He assumed his official duties October 16, 1911, and his administration has been marked by scrupulous care and circumspection, so that he has fully justified the popular choice which placed him in office, the while he is one of the popular and progressive citizens of Ironton, the judicial center and metropolis of Lawrence County.

In politics Mr. Bowman is a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies of the republican party; his religious faith is that of the Baptist church; and he is affiliated with the local organizations of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Loyal Order of Moose. Though

he is a bachelor, Mr. Bowman is the owner of a residence property and two additional city lots in Ironton, and he is also a director of the South Side Building & Loan Association of this city. He is a man of high ideals and utmost rectitude, and is justly proud of the fact that he has never touched intoxicating liquor in any form. He has greatly enjoyed his experience as a teacher and his success in the profession has been on a parity with his recognized zeal and enthusiasm. Mr. Bowman greatly enjoys all outdoor sports, and through the medium of the same finds his chief recreation, the while he is distinctively popular in both business and social circles in his home city.

Samuel Brewster. In choosing the men who are to act as his advisers and members of the municipal cabinet, the chief executive of any live and progressive community is wise who brings about him only strong, reliable and practical men, possessed of industry, faithfulness, honesty and experience. Mayor Hannan, of Ironton, made no mistake when, in 1914, he appointed Sam Brewster to the position of service director of the city, a place for which he was eminently fitted owing to his long and varied business experience, his organizing ability and his executive power. He has been in office only for a comparatively short period, yet has already vindicated the faith placed in him and is rendering his fellow-citizens excellent services.

Mr. Brewster was born in Lawrence county, Ohio, March 31, 1869, and is a son of James and Rebecca (Millard) Brewster. His father, a West Virginian, was born in 1819, married in his native state, and came to Lawrence County, Ohio, about 1865, here continuing to be engaged in agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, in 1877. His widow, also born in West Virginia, in 1842, never remarried, but remained single until her death in 1908. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Margaret, James J., Samuel, William, John W., Charles H. and Rebecca, of whom William died in infancy. Sam Brewster was reared on his father's farm in Lawrence until he was eight years of age and then came to Ironton and entered the public schools, which he attended until reaching the age of fifteen years. At that time he commenced to learn the trade of carpenter, which he followed for fifteen years as a journeyman, and in 1902 became a member of the Ironton police force, with which he was connected until 1906. At that time he took up contracting and building on his own account, and continued to be so engaged very successfully until 1913, building up a large and representative business in Ironton and the surrounding vicinity. In 1913 Mr. Brewster was made safety director, under Mayor T. J. Kennedy and continued to hold that office for five months, being then appointed

service director under Mayor A. J. Hannan, January 6, 1914. His enterprise, tempered with conservatism, and his absolute integrity in civic affairs, have gained him an excellent record in public life, and as a business man he has also achieved an enviable reputation. He was one of the organizers of the Home Building and Loan Association, of Ironton, and is still a stockholder and director thereof. About twenty years ago Mr. Brewster assisted in the organization of the Ironton local of the Carpenters' Union, and he still continues as a member thereof. Fraternally, he is connected with the Junior Order United American Mechanics and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is particularly fond of all out-door sports and is an enthusiastic baseball fan. Politically, Mr. Brewster is affiliated with the republican party.

On December 17, 1902, Mr. Brewster was married to Miss Jennie Grindshaw, of Ironton, daughter of John E. Grindshaw. They have no children.

William H. Neal. An able and honored member of the judiciary of Lawrence County, Mr. Neal is one of the representative citizens of Ironton, the county seat, and here he is giving a most effective administration as justice of the peace, his services being such as to make the office justify its name.

Mr. Neal was born at Keystone Furnace, Jackson County, Ohio, on the 31st of May, 1856, and is a son of Levi and Nancy (Hunt) Neal, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter of whom was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1835, a date that indicates that she is a representative of a pioneer family of this section of the Buckeye State, her home being now in Elizabeth Township, this county, where she is held in affectionate regard by all who know her. Levi Neal promptly manifested his patriotism when the Civil war was precipitated on a divided nation. In response to the first call for volunteers he enlisted in an Ohio Regiment, and he sacrificed his life in the cause of the Union, as he was killed on the field of battle, in 1862, when about twenty-seven years of age. His widow subsequently became the wife of Philip S. Justin, whose death occurred in 1914, he having been a prosperous farmer of Lawrence County. Of the nine children of the first marriage William H., of this review is the only survivor, and by his mother's second marriage she became the parent of five children, of whom four are living—Frank, Philip, Daniel and Charles.

William H. Neal attended the public schools of Lawrence County until he had attained the age of eighteen years, and he thereafter became a workman in the iron mines of the county. While thus employed he was injured by a caving in of the section of mine in which he was working,

and the result of the injury was that it became necessary to amputate his right leg at a point below the knee. This injury incapacitated him for further manual labor of the more strenuous order, and after attending school for another year he proved himself eligible for pedagogic honors. For the long period of sixteen years he was numbered among the successful and popular teachers in the public schools of Lawrence County, and this discipline, in connection with earnest study and reading, enabled him to round out a liberal education, the while he achieved marked prestige in his chosen profession, besides gaining secure vantage-ground in popular confidence and esteem. For nine years after his retirement from the pedagogic profession Mr. Neal was engaged as manager of the general merchandise store of Halley & Company at Pedro, Lawrence County, and he then removed to Ironton, the county seat, while he engaged in the insurance business. To this line of enterprise he devoted his attention for three years, at the expiration of which, in 1912, he was elected justice of the peace, of which office he has since been the efficient incumbent. He has accurate knowledge of the basic principles of the science of jurisprudence, and his judicial rulings have invariably been marked by circumspection and mature judgment, so that he has wielded emphatic influence in the conserving of equity and justice. While a resident of Elizabeth Township Mr. Neal was called upon to serve in various local offices of public trust, including those of township clerk, assessor, trustee and land appraiser, besides which he was for a number of years a member of the school board of his district. Mr. Neal is a stanch advocate of the principles of the democratic party and both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Ironton, on the 11th of September, 1882, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Neal to Miss Lyda Grant, daughter of the late Stephen Grant, of Pedro, this county. Concerning the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Neal the following brief record is given: Otis, who is station agent for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad at Russell, Greenup County, Kentucky, married Miss Ethel Taylor, and they have two children—William A. and Estherlin; Harry and Jessie are not married and both reside in Lawrence County; Ray, who occupies a responsible clerical position with a representative firm at Norwood, Ohio, married Miss Mabel Fowler; Inez died in childhood, as did also Clara and Clarence, who were twins; and Nora remains at the parental home.

Dennis H. Clarke. It becomes the fortune of but few men to attain the success that has rewarded the efforts of Dennis H. Clarke before reaching their fortieth year and to gain it through individual endeavor

and without the assistance of financial support or the influence of those already established in life. Still in the prime of manhood, with his best years before him, Mr. Clarke has attained a position that many men would deem sufficient at the end of a lifetime of honest endeavor, and as half-owner of the properties of the Model Laundry he must be accounted one of the influential factors in the business life of the Hanging Rock Region.

Mr. Clarke is a native son of Ironton, Lawrence County, born June 27, 1875, his parents being Columbus and Sadie (Kouns) Clarke. His father, a native of Millersport, Ohio, was born in 1853 and for a number of years was engaged in the grocery business at Ironton, where he died February 17, 1914. Mrs. Clarke, who was born at Burlington, Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1856, died in 1904, leaving only one child, Dennis H., and the father contracted a second marriage with Mrs. Ella Guerin, who still survives and makes her home at Logan, this state. Dennis H. Clarke was given good educational advantages in his youth, attending the public and high schools of Ironton and then spending three years at Cornell University, which institution he left in 1896 to accept the position of bookkeeper in the Bank of Steele, North Dakota. He spent only one year in this capacity, however, then returning to Ironton, where from 1898 until 1905 he was superintendent of the water works and during this time established himself firmly in the public confidence. In the latter year he invested his savings in a one-half interest in the Model Steam Laundry Company, and with this concern has been connected to the present time. Associated with him is Mr. A. C. Shubert, who has charge of the company's other establishment at Williamson, West Virginia, which is operated under the same name. The name of this business is no misnomer, for it is model in every respect. The buildings have been arranged with the idea of securing the greatest sanitary conditions, the machinery is of the latest manufacture known to the trade, and every detail of the business has been worked out along the most up-to-date lines. Mr. Clarke is progressive by nature, and is known as a hustler and a business-getter, as well as a man of high business principles and of fidelity in the meeting of engagements. He has steadfastly "boosted" the interests of his city, and is an active and working member of the Chamber of Commerce. Politically a republican, his only office has been that of superintendent of the water works, but he has always taken an interest in politics as they have affected Ironton and its people. His fraternal connections include membership in the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks. With his family he attends the Episcopal Church.

On October 5, 1904, Mr. Clarke was married to Miss Minnie B. Massie, daughter of Ephraim Massie, now deceased, who was formerly

a well-known hotelkeeper of Ironton. One child has been born to this union: Dennis H., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke reside in their own comfortable home at Ironton.

Louis A. Fillgrove. An old and substantial business in Ironton has been conducted by Louis A. Fillgrove for nearly forty years. A tinner and roofer, he has made a reputation of performing skillfully and efficiently all contracts entrusted to his charge, and on this reputation has been based his standing as a business man and citizen.

Born in Pensylvania January 2, 1856, he is a son of George and Henrietta (Reuper) Fillgrove, both of whom were natives of Hanover, Germany. His father was born in 1822 and his mother in 1821. Coming to America and settling in Pennsylvania in 1854, the father lived there a few years, and in 1861 transferred his residence to Lawrence County, Ohio, and quietly followed his vocation there until his death in 1890. The mother died in 1907. Their five children were: Minnie, deceased; William M.; August; Louis A.; and Charles, deceased.

Louis A. Fillgrove was educated in the public schools of Ironton until seventeen and thereafter went to work to learn a trade and make his own way. After an apprenticeship in the tinner's trade, he worked as a journeyman until 1876, and then opened a shop at Ironton, and has conducted it with increasing success ever since. In the meantime his business influence and possessions have increased, and beside the work which constitutes his principal calling he is a stockholder in the First National Bank and in the Home Telephone Company, owns two double residences, five vacant lots and also a business block on North 2nd Street.

On May 11, 1879, at Ironton, Mr. Fillgrove married Sophia Horn, daughter of Henry and Dorothea (Miller) Horn. Her father was one of the early butchers of Ironton. To their union have been born seven children: Henry C.; Clara D.; Edward C.; Howard, deceased; Bertha; Edith; and one that died in infancy. The son Henry, who is employed by his father in the tinning and roofing business, married Rosia Wolff, and their four children are: Mildred; Dorothea, deceased; and Lester and Chester, twins. Clara is the wife of Charles Bester of Ironton, and their two children are Louis and Karl. The son Edward is unmarried and is also a tinner by trade. Bertha and Edith are students in the Ironton high school. Mr. Fillgrove is a republican in politics, a member of the Lutheran Church, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Thomas W. Price. The reputation of a community rests almost entirely upon the character of its business men, their integrity, enterprise, vim and fidelity to contracts and engagements being, in most in-

stances, a gauge by which the prosperity of the town or city may be measured. Ironton has been especially fortunate in the character and abilities of its business men, and among them none is held in higher general esteem than Thomas W. Price, secretary and treasurer of the Ironton Roofing and Corrugating Company, and a man who has gained success through the medium of his own well-directed efforts. Mr. Price was born at Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio, January 15, 1861, and is a son of W. L. and Mathilda J. (Goodder) Price.

Born at Ellenale, Wales, in 1830, W. L. Price emigrated to the United States in 1848, and not long thereafter came to the Hanging Rock Iron Region and for a number of years was employed in the rolling mills of Ironton. His death occurred in 1869. Mrs. Price, who was born in Gallia County, Ohio, in 1831, still survives in hale and hearty old age and makes her home at Ironton. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Price: Frank W., Thomas W., Martha J. and Harriet G. After attending the public graded and high schools until reaching the age of fifteen years, Thomas W. Price began work in the nail department of the rolling mills at Ironton, and there continued for fifteen years, winning steady promotion through the exercise of fidelity and industry. In the meantime he carefully invested his savings, with the end in view of entering business on his own account, and in 1897 his ambition was realized when he purchased an interest in the Ironton Roofing and Corrugating Company, of which he was made secretary and treasurer, positions which he has continued to retain to the present time. The company has enjoyed a business that is steadily growing to larger proportions, and the plant at this time is valued at $5,000, being fitted with the latest machinery and appurtenances. Among his associates Mr. Price is known as a man of excellent business judgment, foresight and acumen, and the utmost confidence is placed in him. Although the greater part of his attention is given to this business, he also has other interests, and is a stockholder in the Home Telephone Company, and the owner of ten residences in Ironton, including his own pleasant home, at No. 162 North Fifth Street. He is a prominent Mason, having advanced to the Shriner degree, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and in both fraternities has many warm friends. He takes much interest in religious work, being a vestryman and secretary of the Episcopal Church at Ironton, and has also been active in educational matters as a member of the Board of Education. He is a republican of the old type and a member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Price was married April 30, 1886, at the home of the bride at Ironton, to Miss Rachel Davies, daughter of Thomas J. and Elizabeth (Thomas) Davies, and to this union there have been born two children:

Anna, who married Wilbur Jones and died in 1911, leaving one son, Ralph; Frank W., assistant foreman in the Ironton Roofing and Corrugating Company, who married Elizabeth Boll.

JOHN H. MCGEE. There is special consistency in the vocation followed by this venerable and honored citizen of Ironton, for as a pension attorney he has achieved a worthy work in behalf of his old comrades of the Civil war, his having been the distinction of serving through virtually the entire course of the great conflict through which the integrity of the nation was perpetuated and his loyalty in the times of peace having been of the same intense order, begotten, as it is, of high ideals and impregnable integrity of character. Mr. McGee has been a resident of Lawrence County for more than half a century, is the oldest notary public in the county and here he has a circle of friends whose number is limited only by that of his acquaintances. Well it is that this publication should pay a special tribute to this honored pioneer citizen of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio.

Mr. McGee was born in Russell County, Virginia, on the 23d of April, 1840, and is a son of Benjamin F. and Nancy (May) McGee, both natives of Virginia and representatives of sterling old families of that historic commonwealth. The father, who was a farmer or planter by vocation, died in 1847, when the subject of this review was a lad of seven years, and well did the devoted mother meet the responsibilities and burdens that devolved upon her in the care of her four children, of whom John H. is the only son and the eldest of the number, the names of his sisters, in order of birth, being as follows: Elizabeth, Cynthia, and Mary. The mother was born in Russell County, Virginia, on the 13th of September, 1821, and was summoned to the life eternal in 1892, in Kentucky. She eventually contracted a second marriage, by becoming the wife of Hardin Hurley, who likewise is deceased.

Mr. McGee was afforded the advantages of the schools of his native county, his mother having been a skilled weaver and having defrayed by her work as such the expenses of educating her children. She finally removed with her family to Kentucky, and in the Village of Pikeville, Pike County, that state, John H. McGee continued his studies in the public schools. In July, 1858, when seventeen years of age, he came to Lawrence County, Ohio, and established his residence in Ironton. He found employment in the Hecla Furnace, in the mines and at such other work as was available, until the inception of the Civil war, when he promptly put aside all personal considerations and interests to tender his aid in defense of the Union. On the 9th day of July, 1861, in response to the first call for volunteers for the three months' service, he enlisted in the first inde-

pendent cavalry company organized in this section of the State, Company A of the First Ohio Cavalry, and with this command he served until the expiration of his term of enlistment. He then re-enlisted, as a member of Battery L, First Ohio Light Artillery, on the 2d of October, 1861, and he received his honorable discharge on the 1st of January, 1864. He received his discharge at Warrenton Junction, Virginia, after having participated in numerous engagements on the soil of his native State, but his patriotic ardor was not in the least diminished, as shown by the fact that he at once re-enlisted, as a veteran, in the same battery, with which he continued in active service until the close of the war, his having been the misfortune to encounter the irony of fate and to lose his right foot in the last battle in which his command was involved. This wound was inflicted by the last shot fired in the battle of Cedar Creek, on the 19th of October, 1864, and the ball which caused the loss of the right foot of Mr. McGee took also the left foot of one of his comrades, a man named Jones, besides wounding five other members of Battery L. The service of Mr. McGee covered a total of three years, eleven months and eight days, and among the more important engagements in which he took part may be noted the following: Port Republic, Chantilly, Second Battle of Bull Run, Antietam, Winchester, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mine Run, Fort Stevens, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, in which last mentioned battle he received the wound that destroyed his foot. He was with his battery on marches covering a total distance of 3,500 miles, and his record as a soldier was in every sense a model of valor, fidelity and earnest devotion. He never indulged in spirituous liquors of any kind, never took part in any riotous actions such as were at times in evidence in the ranks of the contending forces, never gambled and never was on the sick list until he required the services of the surgeon in the last battle of his splendid military career. He and his comrade, Jones, lay on the field of battle at Cedar Creek during an entire night and suffered intensely from cold, while their wounds caused them nearly to bleed to death before they were rescued and given necessary care. Mr. McGee was in the hospital from the 21st of October until June, 1865, when he was discharged at Cincinnati.

After the close of the war Mr. McGee returned to Ironton, where he was engaged in the retail grocery business for the ensuing five years. He then removed to Rock Camp, likewise in Lawrence County, and there he conducted a general store from 1870 until 1892. He was one of the leading business men and influential citizens of the town, where he served eighteen years as postmaster and where he held impregnable place in the confidence and esteem of the entire community. In the year last mentioned Mr. McGee returned to Ironton, where he was engaged in the dry-

goods business for one year, since which time his activities have been principally in his effective service as a pension attorney and his official service as notary public, a position of which he is the oldest incumbent in the county, besides having held the post for a longer period than any other notary in the county, his original appointment having been made in 1874.

It may readily be inferred that Mr. McGee has retained a deep interest in his old comrades in arms and that he is an appreciative and valued member of that noble organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, in which his affiliation is with Dick Lambert Post, No. 165, at Ironton. He is a republican in his political allegiance, served six years as a director of the county infirmary, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church. The Christian faith of Mr. McGee has been signally exemplified in his daily life, and he is kindly, tolerant and charitable in his judgment of others, so that in the gracious evening of his well spent life he finds himself surrounded with troops of friends and with those comforts and associations that should ever reward earnest and honorable living. In addition to his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum.

On the 21st of January, 1864, Mr. McGee wedded Miss Mary A. Holliday, while in Lawrence County on a furlough. The devoted wife and mother was called to the life eternal on the 7th of July, 1912, and her memory is revered by all who came within the circle of her gracious influence. Of the five children the eldest is Miss Sadie, who now resides in the City of Chicago; Martha J. is the wife of Charles G. Bazell, engaged in the lumber business in the State of Tennessee; Mamie died in childhood; Maggie is the wife of Isaac H. Booth, a teacher in the State Normal at Richmond, Kentucky, and Addie is the wife of Frank Bazell, a farmer and carpenter, residing at Rock Camp, Lawrence County, Ohio.

On the 12th of December, 1912, Mr. McGee married Mrs. Sarah A. Kemp, widow of James H. Kemp, and she presides most graciously over their pleasant home. In 1913, fifty years after he had fought on its battlefield, Mr. McGee visited Gettysburg.

Dan C. Jones. The many opportunities presented to the lawyer for varied service has been well utilized by Dan C. Jones, who is in the front rank of Lawrence County lawyers, and has a high standing and many associations with the business, social and civic life of his home city.

Mr. Jones was born December 18, 1878, at Oak Hill in Jackson County, Ohio. His father, the late Evan C. Jones, who was also born at Oak Hill in Jackson County in 1841 was for a number of years county

surveyor and an expert mining engineer, whose death occurred September 15, 1910. Two of Dan C. Jones' uncles, John C. Jones and David C. Jones were the pioneer operators in the Jackson County coal field, and John C. Jones was secretary of the Tropic Furnace Company at Jackson, Ohio, for many years. The mother's maiden name was Margaret Parry, who was born at Oak Hill in Jackson County in 1852 and died in 1912. They were the parents of five children: Dan C., Susie, Elizabeth, Margaret and Edna.

Dan C. Jones began training for practical life in the common schools and in the high school at Jackson, graduated with the degree Ph. B. at the Ohio State University in 1902 and continued his course through the law department until finishing with the degree LL. B. in 1905. During his college career he was a member of the Greek letter fraternities Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Phi Delta Phi, and also belonged to the Scholarship Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Jones began active practice of law at Ironton in 1905 with Johnson and Corn, and afterwards became the junior partner in the law firm of Johnson and Jones, and soon acquired a profitable practice. Much of his work is performed as representative of a number of important business and industrial concerns in the Hanging Rock Iron Region.

Mr. Jones was married June 17, 1908, to Marguerite Blanche Jones, who has brought to the management of her home and her social relations a thorough training and culture acquired in Oberlin College, from which she graduated A. B. and also at the Boston Conservatory of Music and later studied in Europe. Her father is Ezekial Jones, a large coal operator in Jackson County.

Mr. Jones is a republican in politics, is affiliated with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and also with the Century Club, and his church is the Presbyterian. Mr. Jones is a student, both in his profession and of affairs and literature, and is one of the live men who are forwarding the community welfare of Ironton along progressive and substantial lines.

Albert J. Frecka. With a well equipped establishment at 28 South Third Street, in the City of Ironton, Mr. Frecka conducts a prosperous plumbing business, and he is known as one of the popular and progressive business men of his native city, the metropolis and judicial center of Lawrence County, where he was born on the 15th of June, 1883.

Mr. Frecka is a son of Charles C. and Mary E. (Witting) Frecka, the former of whom was born at Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1860, and the latter of whom was born at Ashland, Kentucky, in 1862. The parents have been residents of Ironton since 1872, and here the father was origin-

ally employed as an expert wire-maker in a leading manufacturing plant, but he now devotes his attention to the plumbing business. Of the ten children all are living except one, Henry. The names are here entered in the respective order of the children's birth: Albert J., John and Henry (twins), Karl, Margaret, Marie, Anna, Ralph, Robert and Raymond.

Albert J. Frecka continued to attend the public schools of Ironton until he had completed the first year's study in the high school, at the age of seventeen years. About six years prior to this, when he was but eleven years old, he had initiated his virtual apprenticeship at the plumber's trade, in which he eventually perfected his knowledge and became an expert artisan. He continued to work at plumbing at irregular intervals until he left the high school, and for two years thereafter he was employed in a nail and wire mill in Ironton, the ensuing three years having found him engaged as agent and wagon driver for the Model Laundry Company, with which he remained an additional three years in the capacity of shipping clerk. Upon severing this connection Mr. Frecka served two years as manager of the Fred Frecka Company's plumbing establishment, and he then, in 1908, purchased the plant and business, which has since successfully conducted under his own name and in an individual way.

Mr. Frecka has had no desire to withdraw from the loyal cohorts of the republican party, is actively identified with the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, and is an appreciative and popular member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On the 26th of February, 1908, Mr. Frecka wedded Miss Margaret Rist, daughter of John Rist, of Ironton, and they have three children, Lila E., Albert J., Jr., and John C.

John C. Gorman, now serving as postmaster at Ironton, Ohio, under appointment from President Wilson, was born in Bulger, Pennsylvania, October 31, 1871. His parents moved to Steubenville, Ohio, when he was but two years old, and Mr. Gorman received his education in that city having attended the St. Peter's parochial school until the age of sixteen. His first practical business experience was in the moulder's trade in which he served an apprenticeship and was a journeyman worker for seven years.

Mr. Gorman came to Ironton in 1893 having accepted a position with the daily and semi-weekly Irontonian of which his brother, the late James I. Gorman, was owner and editor. Mr. Gorman was married June 9, 1899, to Miss Mary A. Smith of Ironton, and they are the parents of four bright and interesting children: Joseph M., Mary A., Rosellen, and John, Jr. Mr. Gorman and family are members of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Since coming to Ironton, Mr. Gorman has always taken an active

interest in the city of his adoption, and an untiring worker in the advancement of democratic principles. His appointment as postmaster of the City of Ironton is evidence of the confidence and good will of his fellowmen and also his worth as a good citizen.

Edgar E. McKee, superintendent of the fitting department of the Excelsior Shoe Company, one of the principal industries of Ironton, is an excellent example of an individual finding his proper groove in life and then so directing his efforts as to make the most of his opportunities and to gain a full measure of success therefrom. Commencing his career as a teacher, after some years he turned his attention to the manufacture of shoes, and, commencing in the most humble capacity, thoroughly learned every detail of the business and worked his way steadily to a position of importance.

Mr. McKee was born at South Point, Lawrence County, Ohio, February 12, 1872, and is a son of Barton G. and Cessie (Roberts) McKee, the former born at South Point in 1849 and the latter at Buffalo Creek, Lawrence County, in 1850. The father, who is still a resident of South Point, has been engaged in farming and fruit growing for many years, and has had a hand in directing educational matters as a member of the school board. There were twelve children in the family: Edgar E., of this notice; Delbert, who died at the age of two years; Ira B.; Ollie V.; Howard C.; Herbert; Vessie; Harland; Harry B.; Zella; Lilla and Mason.

Edgar E. McKee was given good educational advantages in the Lawrence County public schools, which he attended until eighteen years of age, and at that time adopted the vocation of educator. His career as a teacher included one year at Hampton City, Kentucky, one year at Olive Furnace, Ohio, one year at Hecla, Ohio, three years at Russell, Kentucky, one year at Alderson, West Virginia, one year at Laura, Kentucky, two years at Martinsville, Kentucky, and one year at Clarksdale, Mississippi, and at each of these places he won the confidence and friendship of those with whom he came in contact. With the understanding that should his abilities warrant it he was to be given the superintendency of a factory, Mr. McKee took a position in the shoe shop at Portsmouth, Ohio, June 10, 1901, as a laborer at the block, and was steadily advanced from one position to another until June 12, 1907, when he founded the fitting department of the established firm of Excelsior Shoe Company, at Ironton, on North Second Street. This he conducted until 1909, when the company built an addition to the first department, and this has now become one of the modern factories of the Hanging Rock Region, developed to its present proportions largely through Mr. McKee's able and intelligent direction. A skilled workman, he has a comprehensive knowl-

edge of every detail of the business which comes under his supervision. While the greater part of his attention is given to the duties of his position, he has also interested himself in other enterprises, being a stockholder in the company, a stockholder and director in the Union Glove Company of Portsmouth, Ohio, and founder of the Brotherhood Garter Company, of Ironton. He owns a residence at Huntington, West Virginia, and another at South Point, Ohio, and at the latter has ten acres of land, on which he indulges his hobby of raising fruit and poultry. He has never lost his interest in educational matters, and has contributed of his time and means in behalf of Ironton's public schools. Mr. McKee is a republican. He is a member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, and his fraternal connections include membership in the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. With his family he attends the Baptist Church.

Mr. McKee was married at Greenup, Kentucky, May 29, 1899, to Miss Cora Alice DuPuy, daughter of John M. and Anna (Blair) DuPuy, of Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio. Eight children have been born to this union: Donald E.; Marjorie, who is deceased; Roy; Ralph H.; Dorothea H.; Lorenna and Rowenna, twins, who are both deceased; and Ruth May.

Isidor C. Hoffman. That Isidor C. Hoffman should attain such a high position in the business life of Ironton before reaching his thirtieth year argues in itself the possession of abilities of a superior order. That he should be the head of the largest electric contracting company in the city, with the most modern and complete store in Lawrence County, evidences his organizing and executive ability. Furthermore, that he should be prominent in civic and social life, a stirring, active and public-spirited citizen, shows that he is a young man of remarkable ambition and determination, and that if the past may be taken as a criterion for the future, he should go far in whatever line of endeavor he devotes himself to.

Mr. Hoffman was born January 2, 1886, at Ironton, and is a member of a well known family here, Leonard J. and Mary E. (Schieder) Hoffman, his parents, having both had this city for their place of nativity, the former born in 1862 and the latter in 1864. Leonard J. Hoffman has long been connected with business life at Ironton, and at present is the manager of a shoe store. There have been five children in the family: Isidor C., Norma, Phyllis, Emerson and one child who died in infancy. After attending the parochial school of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Ironton High School, Isidor C. Hoffman started to learn the electrical trade at the age of seventeen years and was engaged thereat for a

period of four years. Following this he attended the Bliss Electrical School at Washington, D. C., and was graduated therefrom in 1908, at which time he returned to Ironton and established himself in business as the head of the Hoffman Electric Company, with a store on Park Avenue, between Third and Fourth streets. His success has been remarkable from the start, and his business has increased by leaps and bounds, so that he finds himself, while still a young man, in possession of an enterprise that gives him a position among the substantial business men of the city. He has won prosperity solely through the medium of his own abilities and efforts, and is worthy of the esteem in which he is held by those who have come in contact with him in either a business or social way.

Mr. Hoffman was married at Ironton, June 15, 1910, to Miss Harriet Kimbler, daughter of Winfield and Laura (Herron) Kimbler, and to this union there has come one child: Harriet Vivian. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are consistent and devout members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He is independent in his political views, preferring to use his own judgment in his selection of public officials rather than to depend upon party choice, while his fraternal connections are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America, in addition to which he holds membership in the Ironton Chamber of Commerce. He is very fond of reading, is a skilled hunter and fisherman, and is also musically inclined, being master of traps in the Yates Saxaphone Trio. Altogether he fills a large place in the community in which he has always made his home, and his popularity is evidenced by an ever-increasing circle of loyal and sincere friends.

Clay Henry. Strict attention to business and undaunted faith in his ability to succeed have been foremost factors in the rise of Clay Henry, proprietor of a prosperous jewelry business at Ironton. His original business equipment included a good name, a fair endowment of intellect, a practical school education and a knowledge of the jewelry business, and with these he has combined ambition, energetic action and untiring persistence to such good effect that today he is one of the most substantial business men of his community. Mr. Henry was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, August 23, 1848, and is a son of Brice and Cassie (Davisson) Henry, his mother being a daughter of Judge John Davisson, a pioneer, sketch of whose life is given elsewhere in this history.

Mr. Henry also belongs to an old and honored family of this part of Ohio on his father's side. His great-grandfather, Rev. John Lee, came to the Hanging Rock Iron Region in 1811, built one of the first log cabins in the lower section near where Ironton now stands, and became one of the prominent men of the community. James Henry, the grand-

father of Clay Henry, and a cousin of Hon. Patrick Henry, the orator, was born in Virginia and came to the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio in 1811, and in the following year built a log house just back of Ironton and near the Henry cemetery. This was replaced by him in 1832 by a frame house, which still stands, and which is now one of the landmarks of the vicinity. James Henry married Elizabeth Lee, a daughter of the Rev. John Lee. Brice Henry was born in the original log house near the Henry Cemetery in Lawrence County, Ohio, March 9, 1815, grew to manhood amid pioneer surroundings, and in 1838 erected a sawmill on Storms Creek, one mile from its mouth. He continued to operate this mill until his death, in 1850, and although still a young man when he died had already become known as a substantial and successful citizen. He was married to Jane Sloan, who was born July 11, 1810, in Gallia County, Ohio. Mrs. Henry died May 30, 1845, having been the mother of six children: John S., Patrick, Clark, James B., Peter and Elizabeth. On July 22, 1847, Mr. Henry was again married to Cassa Davisson, who died June 2, 1901, having been the mother of two children, namely: Clay and Brice.

Until sixteen years of age, Clay Henry attended the public schools of Ironton, and at that time began to learn the trade of jeweler. From 1864 until 1874 he worked for others as a clerk, and in the latter year embarked in business on his own account, being the proprietor of an establishment at Ironton until 1881. Succeeding this, he went to Canton, Ohio, where he remained until 1885, then returning to Ironton and engaging in the same business until 1901. That year saw his removal to Portsmouth, Scioto County, but in 1905 he again came back to Ironton, and this has continued to be the scene of his activities and success. Mr. Henry has one of the most thoroughly stocked jewelry establishments in this section of the state. He is a man of exceptional ability in his line and, as a merchant, has succeeded by many years of fair and honorable dealing in gaining the confidence and respect of his patrons to a notable degree.

On October 6, 1881, Mr. Henry was married to Miss Pearl Mae Whitcomb, daughter of Rev. W. W. Whitcomb, of Ironton, and three children have been born to this union: Howard W., an electrical engineer now of New York City; Walter L., now a partner with his father in the jewelry business; and Chester B., who died at the age of 3½ years. Howard was married to Miss Bess Ann Rowe, of Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1911. Walter was married to Miss Bess Lehman, of Portsmouth in 1905 and to them have been born six children: Clay L., Ralph, Chester, Ruth, Jean and Helen. Ralph and Chester died in infancy within two months of each other.

Mr. Henry was raised a Baptist and has long been a member of the

Knights of Pythias. He is a republican politically, but has not allowed public life to interfere with his business operations. As may be judged by his name his father was a stanch whig and a great admirer of Henry Clay, hence his name reversed. In addition to his own comfortable home, he owns other realty in Ironton, besides stocks in bank and manufacturing enterprises, and in the evening of life he is passing the years in the enjoyment of the comforts that a long and useful career has brought, surrounded by his devoted family and a wide circle of appreciative friends.

Oscar H. Henninger, M. D. Possessing in generous measure the qualities which make the personally popular as well as financially successful physician and surgeon, Dr. Oscar H. Henninger, of Ironton, has a firmly established reputation as an earnest, cautious and painstaking healer of men. He is one of the more recent acquisitions of the medical profession of the Hanging Rock Region, but his youth has seemed no bar to his success, for he has steadily advanced in the acquirement of both practice and public confidence, and among his fellow-practitioners is generally accounted one who recognizes and respects the highest ethics of his honored calling.

Doctor Henninger was born near Powellsville, Scioto County, Ohio, October 26, 1886, and is a son of Frederick W. and Mary (Staker) Henninger, natives of Scioto County, the former born in 1861 and the latter in 1865, and both now residents of Ironton, where the father has been engaged successfully in contracting for a long period of years. There were five children in the family: Oscar H., of this review; Orville, Cleina and Arnold, all of whom are deceased; and Elsie, who resides at home with her parents.

The primary studies of Doctor Henninger were pursued in the graded schools of Ironton, following which he took the high school course, and at the age of eighteen years entered upon his medical studies. After some preparation, he entered Pelle Medical College, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated therefrom in 1909, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, following which he became an interne at Cumberland Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. After spending one year in this capacity, Doctor Henninger returned to Ironton, opened an office and began practice, and here he has since continued in the enjoyment of a constantly increasing practice. Doctor Henninger belongs to the homeopathic school and does his own surgical work. He is able, independent and original, and is inclined at times to do his own thinking and to draw away from some of the dogmas which for generations have held medical science in leash. He has at all times been a close and careful student, keeping fully abreast of the advancements constantly being made, and is a valued member of the American Institute of Homeopathy and the Homeo-

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pathic Society of Ohio. A genial and approachable gentleman, he is of sympathetic nature, and is disposed to look upon the humanitarian as well as the scientific side of his profession. Fraternally, Doctor Henninger is connected with the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Tribe of Ben Hur, in all of which he has numerous friends. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. When he is able to absent himself from the duties of his growing practice, he finds recreation in hunting. A democrat in politics, he has found both the time and inclination to devote to the best interests of Ironton, and at the present writing is serving capably and faithfully as a member of the city council.

Glenn R. Sloan. In any district in which are centered such large and important industrial activities as are to be noted in Lawrence County, there is imperative demand that the office of county sheriff be entrusted a man of discrimination, circumspection, inflexible purpose and personal courage adequate to meeting all contingencies and emergencies. Lawrence County at the present time is signally favored in having as its sheriff one of her native sons who is fully alive to and capable of handling the duties of his office of sheriff, and the administration of Mr. Sloan is proving most acceptable, even as it is showing his inviolable intention of preserving law and order under all conditions and circumstances. Sheriff Sloan is a young man of distinctive executive ability and sterling character, and his genial personality has gained and retained to him the stanchest of friends, though malfactors within his assigned province have reason to realize that he shows neither fear nor favor in the exercise of his official prerogatives.

Glenn R. Sloan was born in the little village of Arabia, Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 15th of July, 1880, and is a son of James M. and Amy (Powell) Sloan, both representatives of honored pioneer families of Lawrence County. James M. Sloan was born at Ironton, the judicial center of this county, in 1858, and his wife was born at Arabia, this county, in 1861. James M. Sloan is a miller by vocation and he and his wife now reside at Springfield, this state. Of the two children the present sheriff of Lawrence County is the elder; Marie is the wife of Stanley Pierce, of Denver, Colorado, and they have two children, Emerson and Elizabeth.

In his native county Glenn R. Sloan was reared to maturity, and here he continued to attend the public schools until he had attained to the age of nineteen years, after which he pursued for one year higher academic studies in the normal university at Lebanon, this state. He became one of the efficient and popular representatives of the pedagogic

profession in Lawrence County, and was successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools from 1899 until 1907, in which latter year he was appointed deputy sheriff of his native county. This position he retained about six years, or until his election to the office of sheriff, his able and discriminating service in the subordinate capacity having rendered him a logical candidate for advancement to the full responsibilities of the higher post. In 1913 Mr. Sloan was elected sheriff of Lawrence County, and his administration has most fully justified the popular franchise which gave him the preferment. One incident worthy of mention in his present capacity is the fact that he had Harley Beard under arrest six hours after it was reported that the Massie family, mother, daughter and son, had been killed at their home on Greasy Ridge, twenty-two miles from Ironton. Beard is now under sentence of death. Mr. Sloan is unwavering in his allegiance to the republican party and in his home county has been an active worker in behalf of the party cause. Both he and his wife are popular factors in representative social activities at Ironton, where their circle of friends is coincident with that of their acquaintances. In the time-honored Masonic fraternity Sheriff Sloan has completed the circle of the York Rite, in which his maximum affiliation is with the Ironton commandery of Knights Templar. In his home city he is affiliated also with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

On the 2d of February, 1905, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sloan to Miss Katherine Callahan, daughter of Hugh and Margaret Callahan, well known residents of Ironton. No children have been born of this union.

John H. Gholson. A life of steadfast integrity and honor and of large and worthy achievement was that of the late John H. Gholson, who was a resident of Lawrence County from the time of his birth until he was summoned to eternal rest, at his home in the City of Ironton, on the 6th of October, 1906, secure in the confidence and high regard of all who knew him. He was long numbered among the representative business men of Ironton, and the undertaking business which he here conducted for many years is continued by his widow and sons. He was a scion of a sterling pioneer family of Lawrence County, and as an honored and influential citizen whose course was ordered upon a high plane in all its relations, it is incumbent that in this history there be accorded a definite tribute to his memory.

Mr. Gholson was born at Kelley's Mills, in Elizabeth township, Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 24th of July, 1844, and was the youngest of the nine children of James H. and Sarah Gholson, early settlers of the

county. He was but six years of age at the time of the family removal to Ironton, and in this city his parents passed the residue of their lives, his also being the privilege of continuing to maintain his home in the metropolis and judicial center of his native county until he too was called from the stage of life's mortal endeavors, after having attained to the age of more than three score years. Mr. Gholson made good use of the advantages afforded in the common schools, as is evident when we revert to the fact that when sixteen years of age he was granted a teacher's certificate, though his active work in the pedagogic profession was of brief duration. After holding for a short time the position of storekeeper in one of the pioneer mills of Ironton, he here engaged in the retail grocery business, in which he continued until the early part of the year 1871, when he withdrew from this line of enterprise to become associated with the undertaking business conducted by his brother-in-law, the late George F. Buchanan. He entered upon his new duties on the 29th of May, 1871, and at the time he inscribed the date on the wall of the building in which the business was established. This inscription remained in evidence until after his death, more than thirty years later. Mr. Gholson was soon admitted to partnership in the business, and upon the death of Mr. Gholson, about the year 1892, he became the sole owner of the undertaking establishment and business. Eventually he admitted to partnership his two sons, Walter W. and John Harvey, and thereafter the enterprise was successfully continued under the name of J. H. Gholson & Sons until his death, the establishment since that time having been conducted under the original title and under the direct supervision of the sons and their mother, the stock and facilities having at all times been maintained at the highest standard and the sons being recognized today as the leading funeral directors of their native city. At the time of his demise Mr. Gholson was the oldest undertaker in the city, and the community has every reason to remember his name with reverent affection, for he was a man whose heart was attuned to deep human sympathy and his consideration, kindliness and many acts of charity and benevolence gained to him secure place in the hearts of all who knew him.

Mr. Gholson manifested his intrinsic loyalty and patriotism at the time of the Civil war, for he enlisted in Company I, Ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he proceeded to the front and with which he participated in many engagements marking the progress of the great conflict through which the integrity of the Union was preserved. He served during the major part of the war and proved a gallant soldier as well as one popular with his comrades in arms. In later years he perpetuated the more gracious memories of his military career by retaining mem-

bership in the Ironton Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a republican in his political allegiance and was a zealous member of the Presbyterian Church in his home city. Here also he was affiliated with Ohio Valley Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a fraternity with which he was identified for forty years, and with the Ironton lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Gholson had been in impaired health for several years prior to his death, which resulted from a dropsical affection of the heart, and he bore his sufferings with characteristic patience and fortitude, ever showing consideration for those who ministered to him. The entire community manifested a sense of personal loss and bereavement when he was summoned to the life eternal, and his funeral was attended by all classes, the Grand Army of the Republic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows appearing in respective bodies.

The domestic chapter in the life history of Mr. Gholson was of ideal order, and there can be no wish to lift the gracious veil that made the home a sanctuary, though it is incumbent that brief record be made concerning his marriage and children. In the City of Ironton, on the 10th of December, 1878, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gholson to Miss Susan S. Wells, who was born at Delaware, Ohio, on the 24th of January, 1854, and who is a daughter of William W. and Mary Margaret (Bogan) Wells. Her father was born in Germany and died when Mrs. Gholson was a child, and she was about seven years old when the devoted and widowed mother likewise was summoned to eternal rest, in 1861. Mrs. Gholson was reared in the home of her elder sister, Mary, who is the wife of Martin Heller, their home being at Delaware, Ohio. The three eldest children of the Wells family were Samuel G., Mary and Virginia, all of whom are now deceased; Anna was the next in order of birth; Charles is a resident of Delaware, Ohio; Chauncey is deceased; and Mrs. Gholson is the youngest of the number. Mrs. Gholson is a woman of most gracious personality and has been a loved and prominent factor in the representative social activities of her home city, which has been endeared to her by the hallowed memories and associations of many years. She holds membership in the Wesley Chapel and has been active in the various departments of church and benevolent work. Mr. and Mrs. Gholson became the parents of three children, Walter W., John Harvey, and Grace B., the only daughter having died at the age of two years. The active management of the undertaking business so long conducted by the subject of this memoir is now entrusted to the sons, Walter W. and J. Harvey, who, with the able co-operation of their mother, are fully upholding in this line the high reputation of the honored father. Walter

W. Gholson wedded Miss Lydia Deering, and they have three children, Doris D., John D., and Nathaniel R. J. Harvey married Birdie Sandford.

Charles H. Foit. The value of a useful vocation and a thorough training, of concentrating one's energy upon one line of endeavor, of forging steadily ahead regardless of obstacles and difficulties, has found emphatic expression in the career of Charles H. Foit, proprietor of the Iron City Baking Company, of Ironton, Ohio, and a citizen who has taken an active part in those affairs which have contributed to the betterment of his community. Mr. Foit was born at Pine Grove, Lawrence County, Ohio, November 22, 1878, and is a son of John and Lena (Meyers) Foit, natives of that place, where the father was born in 1849 and the mother in 1851. John Foit, who has been engaged in coal mining during the greater part of his life, still makes his home at Pine Grove, and is a well known and substantial citizen. There were six children in the family: Charles H., Amelia, John, Jr., Annie, William and Barney.

Charles H. Foit was given but meagre educational advantages, as he attended the public schools of Pine Grove only until the age of eleven years, but made the most of his opportunities and was an industrious and receptive student. On leaving school he entered upon his responsibilities as a worker in the coal mines, remaining four years and then coming to Ironton, where he became an apprentice under Andy Able, who was at that time proprietor of the old Iron City Bakery. Mr. Foit worked for Mr. Able for one year at wages of $1.50 per week, remaining with him until he thoroughly learned the trade of baker, and when the bakery was incorporated into a stock company he had so demonstrated his business and executive ability that he was given the position of manager, which he held until 1910, in the meantime acquiring an interest in the business. In that year he became sole owner by buying the stock of the other stockholders, and at this time is at the head of this enterprise, which is valued at about fifteen thousand dollars, and owns the plant at Third and Lawrence streets. Mr. Foit has gained a full measure of success by his strict attention to business, his unswerving integrity in all transactions and his fidelity to every engagement. He is widely known in the trade, and the high confidence and esteem in which he is held by his associates has been evidenced by his election to the office of treasurer of the Ohio State Master Bakers' Association. He is a stockholder of the National Pretzel Company, and in addition to his baking plant is owner of his own comfortable residence at Fourth and Vernon streets. Mr. Foit is a republican in his political views, and at this time is a candidate for the office of county commissioner. He takes an active and sincere interest in the welfare of his city, as evidence by his membership in the Chamber of Commerce,

where he is chairman of the house committee. Fraternally he holds membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious affiliation is with St. Joseph's Catholic Church. An enthusiastic sportsman, he is popular with his fellow members in the Symes Creek Fishing Club.

Mr. Foit was married at Ironton, June 6, 1900, to Miss Amelia Hoffman, daughter of Charles Hoffman, a pioneer settler of West Ironton, and four children have been born to this union: Alma, Charlotte, Ruth and Walter.

James F. McConnell. The City of Ironton has become one of the most thriving and prosperous commercial and industrial centers of the Hanging Rock and Calumet Region, and its prestige in the business world is due to the efforts and activities of such men as James F. McConnell, who for twenty years has been engaged as a commission merchant in the line of wholesale fruits and produce. Mr. McConnell's contributions in advancing the material interests of Ironton are so generally recognized that they may be considered as no secondary part of his career of usefulness, for he belongs to that class which appreciates the fact that community prosperity spells individual success.

Mr. McConnell was born at Gallipolis, Ohio, March 18, 1867, and is a son of James W. and Amelia (Wooly) McConnell. His father, born in Pennsylvania in 1835, was brought to Ohio as a lad of seven years, the family locating in Gallia County, and there he has spent his life, his active career being devoted to the trade of cooper. He retired from active pursuits in 1912 and is now living quietly at Gallipolis. Mrs. McConnell, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1842, died in 1885. There were ten children in the family of James W. and Amelia McConnell, namely: Flora, who is single; Charles, who died at the age of twenty-one years; James F., of this review; Belle, who married Col. A. M. Woolridge, a coal operator of West Virginia; Morris, who is storekeeper at the Gallipolis Hospital; Fred, who is a coal operator in West Virginia; Anna, who died at the age of eighteen years; Robert, an engineer on the C. & O. Railway; Clara, who married Sam McConnahay, of Dakota, West Virginia; and Thomas, who is a clerk in the offices of the C. & O. Railway.

James F. McConnell attended the public schools of Gallipolis, Ohio, until sixteen years of age and then entered upon his career in the capacity of clerk in a grocery store of his native place. He came to Ironton in 1892 and became a salesman for a shoe company here, but in 1894 entered business on his own account, and since that time has been engaged as a wholesale commission merchant, handling fruit and produce. His busi-

ness has grown steadily, and in addition he has interested himself in various other enterprises, being president of the Iron City Building and Loan Association and a stockholder and director in several of Ironton's and Lawrence County's important industries. His large business interests make him a very busy man, yet he has found time to assist the city in its advancement in various ways. For many years he was financial secretary of the old board of trade and at this time is a member of the chamber of commerce, is a member of the board of health and president of the Board of the Children's Home, and no worthy movement is considered complete that does not have his name on its list of supporters. Since 1904 Mr. McConnell has been agent at Ironton for the American Express Company. He owns his own home at Ironton, in addition to several other pieces of city realty, and has also 540 acres of good farming land in Scioto County. In politics Mr. McConnell is a democrat, with independent leanings. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which he has taken an active part, and at this time holds membership on the board of trustees.

On March 9, 1898, at the home of the bride, Mr. McConnell was married to Miss Jennie Davis, daughter of George B. Davis, one of the first ironworkers of the old iron region. Three children have been born to this union: Miriam, Clara and Gwendolyn.

Frank F. Goldcamp. Identified with some of the leading commercial and financial institutions of Ironton, Frank F. Goldcamp is justly accounted one of the progressive and capable business men of this place and has also taken an active part in civic affairs. His career is indicative of the rewards to be attained through a life of industry and well-directed effort, and as a member of the firm of Goldcamp Brothers & Company, hardware merchants, he is contributing materially to the business importance of the county seat of Lawrence County. Mr. Goldcamp is a product of this county, having been born at Lawrence Furnace, October 21, 1858, and is a son of Ferdinand H. and Mary A. (Monnig) Goldcamp.

Ferdinand H. Goldcamp was born at Old Union Furnace, Hanging Rock, Ohio, March 9, 1837, to which locality his father had come as an early settler in 1835. His active career was passed in agricultural pursuits, but at this time he is retired and makes his home at Ironton. Mrs. Goldcamp was born at Pine Grove, Lawrence County, November 18, 1839. There were ten children in the family, viz: Frank F., of this review; Mary G.; Josephine C.; John F.; Albert J., who is deceased; Joseph H.; Henry I.; Fred, who is deceased; Elizabeth F. and Flora A. Mary G. married F. L. McCaully, of Ironton, died in 1884, and left one child, John A., who is a hardware merchant at Lancaster, Ohio; Josephine C.

married Henry C. Rudmann, a member of the firm of Goldcamp Brothers & Company, and has had three children, of whom one survives, Charles S.; John F. married Theresa Laler, is a partner in the hardware firm, and has two children, Gertrude and Eugene; Joseph H., a hardware merchant of Lancaster, married Alice Kreamer and has two children, Lawrence and Cyril; Henry I., a farmer on the old home place at Goldcamp Station, on the D. T. & I. Railway, married Margaret Gallagher and has had nine children, Charles, Mary, Edward, Mildred, Leo, Joseph, Alberta and one child deceased; Elizabeth F. married Dr. Cornelius Gallagher, of Ironton, and has had nine children, Mary, Genevieve, Charles, Harry, John, Elizabeth, Marcella, Cornelius F. and one who died in infancy; and Flora A. married Fred Dearford, proprietor of a livery and sales barn at Ironton, and has two children, Mary and John.

Frank F. Goldcamp attended the public schools of Lawrence County until he was sixteen years of age, in the meantime assisting his father in the work of the home farm. He remained under the parental roof until reaching his majority, when he became a student at Lebanon University, but after five months left that institution and returned to the farm for five weeks. At this time he came to Ironton and began his business career as a clerk in the grocery store of F. E. Hayward & Co., in whose employ he remained six years, gaining much valuable experience. He carefully saved his earnings and in 1887 purchased an interest in the Goldcamp Milling Company, with which he was identified until 1903. In 1903 he became actively engaged in the hardware business which he had bought in 1893, purchasing the stock and good will of H. D. Newcomb at Second and Lawrence streets, Ironton. This business is now conducted under a partnership, the members of the firm being John F. and Frank F. Goldcamp and Henry C. Rudmann, and the enterprise is possessed of a stock valued at $16,000. The business has enjoyed marked prosperity, and much of this is due to the good judgment, shrewdness and capability of Frank F. Goldcamp, who attributes his success to his constant application and thorough knowledge of every detail of the trade. While the greater part of his attention is given to this enterprise, Mr. Goldcamp has also interested himself in other ventures and is at this time a stockholder and director in the Citizens National Bank, and a stockholder in the First National Bank and the Martin Iron and Steel Company. He also owns several valuable pieces of realty at Ironton, including his own handsome residence. Mr. Goldcamp is a democrat, but has not been particularly active in politics. With his family, he attends St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He has spent much time in travel, and whenever he can spare the leisure from his business responsibilities takes his family on extended trips to various points of interest in this country.

Mr. Goldcamp was married at Ironton, September 9, 1884, to Miss Lena A. Heitzman, daughter of Bernard Heitzman, who is identified with the iron mills at Ironton, and to this union there have been born four children: Henry B., a clerk with the house of Goldcamp Brothers & Company, married Kathren Boice and has had two children, Donald and one who died in infancy; Albert L., who is engaged in the grocery business at Ironton, married Clara Young; Frank J., who is a clerk in the grocery store of his brother; and Clarence, who is still attending school.

Isaac Mearan. As a mere boy Mr. Mearan came from his native Germany to the United States, and as a stranger in a strange land, with but slight command of the English language and without influential friends or financial reinforcement, he proved himself equal to the task that confronted him and has achieved through his own efforts distinctive and gratifying success. He is now numbered among the representative merchants and popular citizens of Ironton, Lawrence County, in which city he is junior member of the firm of McNary & Mearan, which is engaged in the clothing and men's furnishing goods business, with a well appointed and essentially metropolitan establishment on South Second Street.

Mr. Mearan was born in Germany, on the 19th of December, 1876, and the excellent schools of his native land afforded him his early educational advantages. He subsequently severed the home ties and, with indomitable ambition and self-reliance, set forth, alone, to seek his fortunes in the United States. For some time he found employment in the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in 1893 he came to Ironton, Ohio, where he was an efficient and popular salesman in the clothing store of A. J. Brumberg until 1904, when he put his experience and ambition into effective play by initiating an independent enterprise in the same field of business. He formed a partnership with Erwin E. McNary, concerning whom individual mention is made elsewhere in this publication, and they established their present business, under the firm name of McNary & Mearan. The business has become one of the most successful of its kind in Ironton and the finely equipped store caters to the best class of trade, with a select and comprehensive stock of clothing and the most attractive lines of furnishing goods, the two members of the firm having found that one of their best assets is the strong hold they personally have upon popular confidence and esteem.

Mr. Mearan has aligned himself as a supporter of the cause of the republican party, holds membership in the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is not only enterprising and energetic as a

business man, but is known also as a citizen of distinct progressiveness and public spirit—one interested in all that tends to advance the civic and material welfare of the community.

On the 27th of November, 1903, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Mearan to Miss Sadie Cohen, daughter of Mose Cohen, who was at the time a resident of Ironton and extensively engaged in the lumber business in Lawrence County. Since 1907 Mr. and Mrs. Cohen have maintained their home at Huntington, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Mearan have two children—Antonia Lila and Hugh Lester.

Erwin E. McNary. Among the younger business men of Ironton this energetic, wide-awake merchant has been numbered for the past ten years. His career is but another proof of the statement that practical industry, wisely and vigorously applied, never fails to win success, for with only ordinary advantages in his youth, he started out to make his own way in the world, and his diligence and judicious management have brought him a full measure of prosperity for his labors. Mr. McNary has spent his entire life at Ironton, having been born here January 21, 1879, a son of William and Eleanor (Woods) McNary.

William McNary was born in Pennsylvania in 1842, and there grew up amid agricultural surroundings, so that on reaching his majority he adopted farming as his life work. He was twenty-eight years of age when he came to Lawrence County, and here, in the vicinity of Ironton, he rounded out a life of usefulness and industry in the pursuits of the soil, passing away in 1902, with the respect and esteem of those who had known him. Mrs. McNary, who was born at Steubenville, Ohio, survived her husband for some time, dying in 1910, when seventy years of age. They became the parents of six children, of whom all survive at this time: Elmer, in the real estate business in Granite City, Illinois; George engaged in the grocery business in Ironton; Dr. Wilber, a successful practicing physician of East St. Louis, Illinois; Minnie, a stenographer in Ironton; Margaret, who is also a stenographer and makes her home at Ironton; and Erwin E., of this review.

Erwin E. McNary prosecuted his studies in the graded and high schools of Ironton, and after his graduation from the latter in 1896 received his introduction to commercial life in the capacity of clerk for the clothing business conducted by A. J. Brumberg, a merchant of this city. He remained with Mr. Brumberg, thoroughly familiarizing himself with every detail of the business until 1904, when, feeling qualified to enter business on his own account, he invested his capital in a stock of clothing and gentlemen's furnishing goods, and in partnership with Mr. Isaac Mearan opened an establishment which has steadily

advanced in patronage and public favor. Mr. McNary fortunately possesses those qualifications which are essential to success in any line of business, and, having had much experience in the commercial world, is an able man of business. Thoroughly understanding the needs and wants of his customers, he spares no efforts to please them and to meet their wishes in every regard. He devotes his time strictly to his business, but when he is able to lay its cares aside, finds enjoyment in fishing and hunting trips. A member of the Chamber of Commerce, the high esteem in which he is held by his associates is evidenced by the fact that he has been elected a member of the board of directors of that body, a position which he now holds. Mr. McNary is a republican, but not an active politician. He is a consistent member of the Episcopal church, and his fraternal connections are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has shown his faith in the future of Ironton by investing his means in real estate in this locality.

Mr. McNary was married February 22, 1902, at Ironton, to Miss Mildred Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Peters, who died about 1892, and whose family belonged to the oldest settlers of the mining locality of the Hanging Rock Iron Region. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McNary: Mildred and Ethelyn, twins, the latter of whom died in 1913; and Helen.

Frank F. J. Goldcamp. Few names have been more conspicuously and worthily identified with the civic and business activities of the city of Ironton than that of the Goldcamp family, and it is pleasing to be able to offer in this publication specific mention of various representatives of this influential and honored family of the Hanging Rock Iron District.

He whose name initiates this review is one of the interested principals and the executive head of the Goldcamp Mill Company, which represents one of the important industrial enterprises of Ironton, with a flour mill that is thoroughly modern in its equipment and facilities. Mr. Goldcamp was born at Lawrence Furnace, Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 14th of November, 1861, and is a son of John S. and Mary (Friska) Goldcamp, members of sterling pioneer families of this section of the state. Both John S. Goldcamp and his wife were born at Pine Grove, Lawrence County, Ohio, the former in 1840 and the latter in 1845. The father early became a successful contractor in hauling iron ore from the mines to the mills in Ironton, before this now thriving city had railroad facilities, and after the building of the Norfolk & Western Railroad to the city he erected, in 1888, a flour mill in Ironton. Through circum-

spection and honorable policies he built up a prosperous business as a manufacturer of flour and other mill products and he continued to be one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens and influential business men of Lawrence County until his death, which occurred in 1909, his widow still maintaining her residence in Ironton. Of the twelve children Frank F. J., of this review, is the first-born, and the names of the others are here entered in respective order of birth: Annie C., Emma I., Ida L., John X., May G., Laura C., Otto F., Victoria, Lizzie, and two who died in infancy.

Frank F. J. Goldcamp attended the public schools of Ironton until he had attained to the age of fourteen years, when he began to assist his father in the latter's teaming operations in the handling of iron ore. After the construction of the flour mill mentioned above he continued to assist his father in the practical and executive management of the enterprise until 1902, when he purchased an interest in the Whiting Soap Company, of Ironton. He was secretary and treasurer of this corporation for two years, at the expiration of which he became associated with his brother John X. in the erection and equipment of their present fine flour mill, which they have successfully operated since 1904, under the title of the Goldcamp Mill Company. Frank F. J. Goldcamp is president of this progressive company, which has a capital stock of $40,000, and is known and valued as one of the enterprising and representative business men and influential citizens of the city that has been his home from his childhood and to the civic and commercial advancement of which he has made definite and worthy contribution. Mr. Goldcamp is a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Ironton and he is the owner of valuable property in Ironton, including a half interest in the mill and warehouse and also his attractive residence, which is known for its generous hospitality. He is actively identified with the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Millers' Association and the Millers' Federation of the United States. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he and his wife are zealous communicants of the Catholic Church, in which they are members of the parish of St. Joseph's Church, in which Mr. Goldcamp is serving as warden.

On the 24th of April, 1883, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Goldcamp to Miss Mary Ann Mauerer, daughter of Adam and Annie (Chauzlé) Mauerer, of Lawrence County. Of this union have been born six children: Stephen W., M. D., who is engaged in the practice of his profession in the City of Youngstown, Ohio, married Miss Edna Renner; Edward C. likewise is a graduate physician and surgeon and now resides in the city of Providence, Rhode Island; Hilda M. is the wife of Edward

Weinfurther, of Ashland, Kentucky; Adam F., died in infancy; Cyril F. and John S., attending the public schools of Ironton.

GEORGE J. GOLDCAMP. One of the native sons of Ironton, Lawrence County, whose career has been marked by consecutive industry and definite advancement is he whose name initiates this review and who is numbered among the representative and popular merchants of Ironton, where he is associated with his brother Robert S. in the ownership and conducting of the substantial furniture and general house-furnishing establishment of the Goldcamp Furniture Company.

Mr. Goldcamp was born in Ironton on the 5th of October, 1877, and is a son of Isadore X. and Julia Ann (Kruse) Goldcamp, the former of whom was born at Lawrence Furnace, Lawrence County, in 1852, and the latter of whom was born at Pine Grove, this county, in 1852, both families having been represented in the pioneer settlement of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio. Isadore X. Goldcamp held for a long period the position of salesman for the W. A. Murdock Wholesale Grocery Company, of Ironton, and since 1901 he has lived virtually retired in this city, both he and his wife being earnest communicants of St. Joseph's Catholic church and his political allegiance being given to the democratic party. Of the five children all are living except the youngest, Edward, the names of the others being here given in respective order of birth: William J., George J., Robert S., and Martha M.

George J. Goldcamp attended the parochial school of St. Joseph's church until he was fifteen years old, and for four months thereafter he held a position as salesman in the retail grocery of J. T. Clark. For the ensuing year he was employed in connection with a local lumber business and he then assumed a position in the hardwood finishing department of the Ironton Wood Mantel Company, with which industrial corporation he continued to be thus identified for five years. Then, to fortify himself more thoroughly along educational lines of practical order, he completed a six months' course in the commercial or business department of the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, Hardin county. A few months later he entered the employ of the United States Steel Corporation, in its mills at Mingo Junction, Jefferson County, Ohio, where he had charge of the electric motor utilized in transferring ore to the furnace. After six months' incumbency of this position Mr. Goldcamp returned to Ironton, in 1903, and became associated with the late Frank Mechling in establishing a retail furniture business in eligible quarters at the corner of Second Street and Park Avenue. Mr. Mechling retired from the business about eighteen months later and Mr. Goldcamp then admitted to partnership in the business his younger brother, Robert S.,

who has since continued as his valued coadjutor in the management of the splendid business enterprise which they have built up through effective service and those honorable policies that ever beget popular confidence and support. The large and well appointed establishment of the Goldcamp Furniture Company is maintained at the original location mentioned above, and the stock includes select and complete lines of furniture and household furnishings, such as rugs, draperies, carpets, etc.

Mr. Goldcamp is essentially an enterprising business man, but has not become self-centered to the avoidance of proper and loyal interest in the general welfare of his home city, his attitude being that of a liberal and progressive citizen. He is a bachelor, is a member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, is a democrat in politics, is a communicant of the Catholic Church, and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. George.

John X. Goldcamp. Associated with his brother, Frank F. J. Goldcamp, in the ownership and control of the flourishing industrial enterprise conducted under the title of the Goldcamp Mill Company, John X. Goldcamp is one of the prominent business men and popular citizens of his native city of Ironton, the metropolis and judicial center of Lawrence County. In the sketch of the career of his brother, Frank F. J., appearing on other pages of this work, are given adequate data concerning the family record of long association with Lawrence County, and thus it is unnecessary to repeat the information in the present connection. The Goldcamp Mill Company, capitalized for $40,000, operates an admirably equipped flour mill of the most approved modern facilities and the enterprise proves a valuable adjunct to the industrial activities of Ironton and Lawrence counties.

John X. Goldcamp was born at Ironton on the 30th of December, 1872, and is a son of the late John S. Goldcamp, who was long a prominent figure in the business life of Ironton, where he died in 1909 and where his widow still resides. John X. Goldcamp continued to attend the school of Ironton until he had completed a two years' course in the high school, and at the age of seventeen he became actively concerned with the operation of the flour mill conducted by his father. He served for nine years as representative of his father's mill in its trade territory in West Virginia, where he made an excellent record a a salesman. When, in 1903, the business of the original mill was sold John X. purchased its retail branch, at the corner of South Third and Vernon Streets, Ironton, and he conducted the same until 1905, when he became associated with his brother Frank F. J. in the organization of the Goldcamp Mill Company and in the erection of its excellent plant, at the corner of

Second and Ellison Streets. Since that time he has assumed much of the practical and administrative management of the substantial enterprise, and both as a man of affairs and as a liberal and progressive citizen he is held in unequivocal esteem in his home city and native county. He owns a half interest in the mill property, is a director of the Ohio Millers' Association and in all that touches the welfare and advancement of Ironton he maintains a loyal and helpful interest. He is a member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, is a democrat in his political proclivities and both he and his wife are communicants of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

On the 18th of October, 1899, Mr. Goldcamp wedded Miss Isabella L. Sillman, daughter of John and Martha Sillman, her father being a representative farmer of Lawrence County. The two children of this union are Sylvious J. and Siderina I.

Peter L. Henry. This honored citizen and representative business man of the City of Ironton, where he is district manager for the Commonwealth Accident Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, is a scion of a family that was founded in Lawrence County nearly a century ago and the name of which has been most worthily linked with the civic and industrial history of this section of the Buckeye state. Mr. Henry is a man whose life has been guided and governed by the loftiest principles of integrity and honor and his abiding Christian faith has been shown both in words and deeds, with the result that he commands impregnable vantage-place in the confidence and high regard of all who know him. Virtually his entire life thus far has been passed within the borders of Lawrence County and here he has been called upon to serve in various offices of public trust, the while he has ever been kindly, generous and tolerant, and ready to aid those in affliction and distress, as well as zealous in the furtherance of those things which represent the higher ideals of life.

Peter Lee Henry was born in Hamilton Township, Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 31st of December, 1856, and thus became a right welcome Christmas guest in the home of his parents, Isaiah and Ada (Langdon) Henry, both likewise natives of Lawrence County, where the respective families settled prior to the admission of the state to the Union. Isaiah Henry was born on a farm in Upper Township, this county, on the 7th of April, 1817, and here he devoted the major part of his active life to agricultural pursuits, though he was also a skilled artisan as a stone mason. He served during the Civil war as a member of the Home Guards of Lawrence County and he was one of the honored pioneer citizens of the county at the time of his death, in 1893. His widow, who was born

in the village of Getaway, Lawrence County, on the 28th of May, 1816, survived him by more than a decade and was summoned to the life eternal in 1906, at the extremely venerable age of ninety years. Both were devout members of the Baptist Church and they lived godly, righteous and useful lives. The names of their nine children are here entered in respective order of birth: Samuel C., Elizabeth J., Mahala, Cassa A., James J., Isaac N. and William J. (twins), John W. and Peter L.

Mahala, who is deceased, was the wife of Rev. Patrick Henry, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Ironton; James J., who became a minister of the Methodist Church, died at the age of thirty years.

Peter L. Henry passed the days of his boyhood and youth on the home farm, in Hamilton Township, and in the district schools he acquired his rudimentary education. Thereafter he attended the public schools in the Village of Hanging Rock until he had completed one year's study in the high school, and in pursuance of higher academic discipline he entered the National Normal University, at Lebanon, where he was a student for two terms and where he fortified himself for the work of the pedagogic profession. From 1886 to 1893 he was a successful and popular teacher in the public schools of his native county, and he then brought into requisition his excellent technical ability as a carpenter and brick and stone mason, being employed at these trades until 1896, when he engaged in independent operations as a contractor and builder. Maintaining his residence in his native township, he continued to be actively and successfully identified with this line of enterprise for more than ten years, and within this decade he erected many buildings and did other important contract work in Lawrence County. He became an expert in the construction of cisterns, and at the present time his advice is frequently sought in connection with the repairing and building of such repositories for water.

In 1907 Mr. Henry opened an office in Ironton and became district manager, for four counties, for the Commonwealth Accident Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, and for this substantial and representative insurance corporation he has been successful in developing a large and prosperous business in his jurisdiction.

In politics Mr. Henry is aligned as a stalwart advocate of the principles of the democratic party and he is well fortified in his opinions concerning matters of governmental and economic import. In Hamilton Township he served eighteen years as president of the school board and four years as justice of the peace, besides which he represented the township for one year as a member of the board of county commissioners. He is implacable in his opposition to the liquor traffic, and has served since

1909 as president of the Local Option League of Lawrence County, besides which his zealous activities in behalf of morality and social well-being are shown in his influential service in connection with religious affairs. He is president of the Ministerial Evangelical Association of Ironton and both he and his wife are most devout members of the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Henry became a member of the church when he was a lad of eleven years, and much of zeal and consecration has marked his service in the vineyard of the Divine Master. He held for a number of years the position of Sunday School superintendent and is at the present time a valued teacher in the Sunday School of the church with which he is identified. He has held virtually all offices to which a layman is eligible in the Methodist Church, and he gives earnest support to all extraneous measures and enterprises advanced for the moral betterment of the community. Mr. Henry is the owner of an attractive residence property in Ironton and still retains his old homestead place, comprising eight acres, in Hamilton Township. There he gave special attention to the raising of strawberries for a number of years, becoming an expert in this branch of horticulture, in which his daughters were his able assistants.

On the 19th of September, 1878, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Henry to Miss Ruhama Berkley, who was born and reared in Lawrence County and who is a daughter of James H. and Elizabeth A. (Davidson) Berkley, well known residents of this county, where they continued to reside until their death. The marriage ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. Henry was performed at Ironton, by Rev. James M. Kelly, a pioneer clergyman of the Baptist Church in this section of the state. Of this union have been born nine children, of whom seven are living, the following complete list designating the respective order of births: William L., Maude M., Isaac N., Bertha, Wilmot W., Grover C., Ethel M., Olie A. and Amy. William L. died in infancy, and Grover C. passed away when fourteen years of age.

John S. Wiseman, M. D. Prominent among those who are upholding the dignity and prestige of the medical profession in Lawrence County is Dr. Wiseman, who is engaged in practice in the City of Ironton, judicial center of the county and the metropolis of the Hanging Rock Iron Region. The success and high reputation achieved by the Doctor are the more pleasing to note by reason of the fact that he claims as his native heath the county in which he has gained this precedence through ability and sterling worth of character. Dr. Wiseman was born in the village of Sherritts, Lawrence County, on the 3d of September, 1865, and is a representative of a well-known pioneer family of

this section of the state. The doctor is a son of Louis F. and Mary Jane (Carter) Wiseman, the former of whom was born in Monroe County, West Virginia, in 1826, and the latter of whom was born near Gallipolis, the county seat of Gallia County, Ohio, in 1832, her parents having been early settlers of that county. Louis F. Wiseman devoted the greater part of his active career to the basic industry of agriculture and was long numbered among the prosperous and honored representatives of this line of enterprise in Lawrence County, where his death occurred in the year 1896. His was the distinction of having represented the Buckeye state as a gallant soldier in the Civil War, in which he served two years and ten months as a member of Company D, Ninety-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he became sergeant of his company. In later years he was an appreciative and popular member of that noble patriotic organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, the ranks of which are being rapidly thinned by the one implacable adversary, death. Mrs. Wiseman survived her honored husband and passed forward to the "land of the leal" in 1905. Of the eleven children, Henry J. is the eldest and is a resident of Lawrence County; Sarah and Mary are deceased; Louis A. maintains his home in Lawrence County; Sarepta is the wife of Dr. William Griffith, of Pedro, this county; William W. is a resident of Sherritts; Ruth J. likewise remains at Sherritts; Dr. John S., of this review, was the next in order of birth; Susan A. lives at Sherritts; Martha is deceased; and Thomas F. is a representative farmer in the vicinity of Sherritts.

Dr. John S. Wiseman was reared to the sturdy and invigorating discipline of the home farm and continued to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits until he had attained to the age of twenty-three years. In the meanwhile he fully availed himself of the advantages of the public schools of his native county, and his ambition led him to formulate definite plans for a broader career of usefulness than that of the prosaic but sterling work of farming. In consonance with his ambition he entered the Miami Medical College, in the city of Cincinnati, and in this excellent institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1893 and with the well-earned degree of doctor of medicine. For the first six years of his active professional work Dr. Wiseman maintained his residence at Powellsville, Scioto County, and he then removed to Beaver, Pike County, where he continued in successful practice until 1907. He then returned to his native county and established his home in the city of Ironton, where he has built up a large and representative general practice and has secure status as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Lawrence County. The doctor has availed himself of the best of the standard and periodical literature of his profession and

in addition to being a close and ambitious student through this medium he has also taken effective post-graduate course in the New York Polyclinic, in 1898-9, and in the Chicago Polyclinic, in 1907. Dr. Wiseman is actively identified with the Lawrence County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, is steadfast in his allegiance to the cause of the republican party, whose basic principles he believes best adapted for the safe government of the nation, but in local affairs he is not constrained within strict partisan lines. While a resident of Beaver, Pike County, he served three years as president of its board of education. The doctor is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of Pythias, and he holds membership in the First Baptist church of Ironton, of which his wife, now deceased, likewise was a devoted adherent.

On the 24th of October, 1888, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Wiseman to Miss Sadie Stuart, daughter of the late Calvin M. Stuart, a prominent farmer of Symmes Township, Lawrence County, and she was summoned to the life eternal on the 18th of August, 1912, secure in the affectionate regard of all who had come within the compass of her gracious influence. Dr. and Mrs. Wiseman became the parents of five children, of whom the first, Alma, and the third, Clayton L., are deceased. Those who survive the devoted mother are Lucille F., Avanelle P. and Marcelle E.

Henry Hunter. The people of Ironton, Ohio, are indebted to Henry Hunter for the opportunity he has placed in their way of enjoying high-class amusement features. It has been said, and truly, that not least among the tasks allotted to men's lives are those which minister to our esthetic natures, and the successful theatrical manager is he who places before the patrons of the stage alike the humorous and the pathetic aspects of life. While Mr. Hunter is still a young man, he is experienced in the amusement business, is a veteran of the motion picture industry in Ohio, and as manager and part owner of the Empire and Scenic Theatres is giving the people clean, interesting and instructive exhibitions.

Mr. Hunter was born in Wayne County, West Virginia, September 3, 1878, and is a son of Peter F. and Amelia (DeMaro) Hunter. His father, who was born in Staunton, Virginia, in 1849, served as a member of Company K, Fifty-third Mounted Kentucky Infantry, during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Ironton, where he is engaged in business as a contracting carpenter. Mrs. Hunter was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1858, and has been the mother of six children: Henry,

John A., Samuel V., Charles A., James B. and May F. Henry Hunter attended the public schools of West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio until he was sixteen years of age, and at that time took up the study of engineering, to which he applied himself for two years. He then entered the employ of the Lawrence Telephone Company as a lineman and remained with that firm for seven years, being advanced to the position of wire chief and later was made manager. With C. B. Clark, he became in 1905, one of the pioneers in the motion picture business in Ohio. He has continued in this business, steadily increasing his interests, and at this time is part owner of two of the most successful amusement enterprises of the city, the Scenic and Empire Theaters, which, under his management, are attracting large and appreciative audiences. During the early days of moving pictures, one of the most dangerous features of the business lay in the liability of the films catching fire. Mr. Hunter, a natural mechanic, devised an attachment which did away with this danger, and for some time it was extensively used in various parts of the country, but has since been displaced by more recent inventions along the same line. Mr. Hunter has a most creditable military record, having been a member of the Seventh Regiment, Ohio National Guard, for nine years, and serving with Company I, Seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish-American war. He is a great lover of motor-boating, promoting events of this character, and owning the largest motor boat on the river at Ironton. He owns his own residence at No. 69 North Sixth Street, and has a number of other interests. Fraternally he is connected with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Hunter is a republican and a consistent member of the Episcopal Church, with which the members of his family are also connected.

On August 24, 1902, Mr. Hunter was married at Ironton to Miss Anna M. Lewis, daughter of Louis Lewis, who is employed at the rolling mills at Ironton. Five children have been born to this union, namely: Helena, Ruth, Alden F., Henrietta and Beatrice J.

John H. Lucas. A native son of Ironton, Lawrence County, and a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of this now thriving industrial city, Mr. Lucas is the sole owner of the large and representative retail drug business conducted under the title of the Lucas Drug Company, with a large and admirably equipped establishment. Mr. Lucas became virtually dependent upon his own resources when he was a mere boy and through his ability and well-ordered efforts he has achieved distinctive success and gained secure vantage ground as one

of the representative business men and influential citizens of his native city and county, where his friends are in number as his acquaintances. He is one of the most progressive and liberal of the admirable coterie of men who have been potent in furthering and maintaining the civic and material prosperity of Ironton. The significant colloquial term "Booster" applies to him most effectively in all that touches the interests of his native city, to which his loyalty is unwavering and marked by deep appreciation.

John H. Lucas was born at Ironton on the 25th of October, 1858, and is the youngest in a family of five children, the others being: William, Clara, Ludwig and Carrie. Mr. Lucas is a son of John H. and Luvina (Schachleiter) Lucas, the former of whom was born at Waldheim, in the Kingdom of Saxony, Germany, in 1836, and the latter of whom was born near the city of Berlin, Germany, in 1838. John H. Lucas came to America when a youth and in 1852 he established himself as a pioneer of Ironton, where he engaged in the work of his trade, that of baker, incidentally erecting the first bakery in the city. He died in 1861, when but twenty-five years of age, and his widow survived him by more than two score years, she having been summoned to the life eternal in 1909.

The public schools of Ironton afforded to John H. Lucas his early educational advantages, which were limited, as he began to learn the lessons of practical industry when a mere boy and thus depended upon self-application and experience in later years to supplement and round out his education, this training having made him a man of broad views and mature judgment. At the age of twelve years Mr. Lucas became errand boy for a local drug store, and that he availed himself fully of the technical advantages afforded him in connection with this line of enterprise is shown by the fact that he studied and worked until he had qualified himself thoroughly as a pharmacist. He became prescription clerk and served in this capacity until 1880, when he went to Proctorville, Lawrence County, in which village he established a drug store and engaged in business on his own responsibility. In 1889 he sold the stock and business and returned to Ironton, where he became clerk in the drug store conducted by Drs. Gray and Robinson. In 1893 he became associated with his employers in founding the Lucas Drug Company, and in 1897 he purchased the interests of his partners, since which time he has continued the business in an individual way and under the original title. His establishment is essentially metropolitan in its equipment and facilities and in addition to handling drugs, medicines, toilet articles, sundries, etc., he has a well-stocked department devoted to paints, oils, window glass, etc. The establishment has long

controlled a substantial and representative trade, based upon fair and honorable dealings and effective service, the while the success of the business has been heightened by the personal popularity of the proprietor.

In addition to his drug business Mr. Lucas has been concerned with the development and upbuilding of other important enterprises in his native city and county. He is vice-president of the Home Telephone Company and a director of the Iron City Savings Bank, besides which he has made judicious investments in local real estate and has aided in the physical upbuilding as well as the social and material progress of Ironton. His influence and co-operation have been given in support of measures and enterprises tending to advance the best interests of his home city, where he served for some time as president of the Business Men's Association and where he is now vice-president of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Lucas is found arrayed as a loyal supporter of the cause of the republican party, his allegiance to which he has found no reason to sever in the face of modern disaffection in its ranks. In the Masonic fraternity he has received the ultimate or chivalric degrees, and is affiliated with the Ironton commandery of Knights Templar, as well as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1884 Mr. Lucas wedded Miss Ola B. Carter, who passed to eternal rest in 1887, and who is survived by one son, Emerson, who resides in Washington, D. C., and holds a responsible position with the Southern Railway Company; he married Miss Margurta May Jury, of Louisville, Kentucky. On the 27th of December, 1891, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lucas to Miss Florence T. Turby, daughter of William W. and Henrietta Turby, of Ironton, and the five children of this union are: John H., Jr., William T., Gray, Richard and Paul. John H. Lucas, Jr., is manager of the business of the Texas Oil Company in the city of Birmingham, Alabama; William T. is a student of electrical engineering in the Western Reserve University, in the city of Cleveland; and the other children remain at the parental home.

John R. C. Brown. Few of the public officials of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio have had a longer or more honorable service than the city engineer of Ironton, John R. C. Brown. A resident of this place since 1870, he has held his present office since that year, with the exception of three years, and his conscientious devotion to duty, his ability in his chosen calling and his commendable achievements have given him the right to be numbered among the men who

have contributed to the upbuilding and development of this prosperous section of the Buckeye state.

John R. C. Brown was born in Clermont County, Ohio, August 14, 1835, and is a son of Isaac H. and Katherine (Rogers) Brown. His father, born in Clermont County, Ohio, in 1809, was in early life a carpenter, but later became a farmer and so continued to be engaged until his death, in 1887. A stanch supporter of the Union, he early became an abolitionist, and was outspoken in his views upon the question of slavery. Mrs. Brown was born in Kentucky, in 1806, and died in 1889, having been the mother of eight children, namely: Elizabeth C., John R. C., Sue E., Dr. Isaac N., William T., Dr. Quincy A., Permelia and Fannie, of whom John R. C., Permelia and Fannie survive.

The country schools of Clermont County and a local institution of Brown County, Ohio, furnished John R. C. Brown with his educational training, although since leaving school, in his eighteenth year, he has been a student upon various subjects and has gained a wide range of knowledge. He first adopted teaching as a profession, but in 1863 was elected county surveyor of Brown County, a position which he held for three years, during which time he had charge of the building and upkeep of fifty miles of highway out of Georgetown. Mr. Brown came to Ironton in 1870, and here his abilities so impressed the people that he was made assistant city engineer under Thomas Gore. One year later he succeeded Mr. Gore as city engineer. From 1874 until 1887 he was both county surveyor and city engineer, and in 1899 Mr. Fred G. Leete was elected to that office and held it three years. In 1902 Mr. Brown was again sent to the office, and has continued to act therein to the present time. His accomplishments have included the building of all the streets and sewers in Ironton, and the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of his office has met with the entire approval of the people, who have expressed their appreciation of his services on numerous occasions.

Mr. Brown was married September 20, 1856, at the home of the bride in Brown County, to Miss Elizabeth A. Carpenter, who was born January 16, 1836, a daughter of Simon and Mary Carpenter, farming people of Brown County. Mrs. Brown died May 26, 1911, having been the mother of four children: Christopher N., who died in 1902, as dean of the Ohio State University and professor of civil engineering; Mary C., who died in infancy; Sarah C., who died in the 16th year of her age; and John Q., mechanical engineer and electrician and superintendent of the Consolidated Street Railway Company, at Oakland, California, married Helen Gager, and has two children, Ann and John Q., Jr. Mr. Brown is a consistent member of the First Congre-

gational church. A republican in political matters, his present office has been his only public position. He has interested himself in various business ventures at different times, and is now a stockholder in the Home Building & Loan Association and the Crescent Building & Loan Association. His home on Fourth Street is a modern one, and there he also owns five acres of land. A steady, dependable official and public-spirited citizen, he continues to be, as in the past, one of Ironton's most helpful men.

William J. Mahoney. As one of the able and representative members of the bar of Lawrence County, Ohio, Mr. Mahoney is entitled to specific recognition in this history, as he is also by reason of his status as a broad-minded, loyal and public-spirited citizen of sterling character and high ideals. He is engaged in the successful practice of his profession in the City of Ironton, the judicial center of Lawrence County, and his clientage indicates in its personnel and importance the popular estimate placed upon his ability as a resourceful advocate and well fortified counselor.

Mr. Mahoney claims the fair old Emerald Isle as the place of his nativity, and in both the agnatic and maternal lines he is a scion of the stanchest of Irish stock. He was born in County Wexford, Ireland, on the 14th of June, 1862, and is a son of Patrick and Elizabeth Mahoney, the former of whom was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1834, and the latter County Wexford, Ireland, in 1839. Patrick Mahoney served as a captain in the British army during his lifetime, and was district inspector of Irish troops and police for the Province of Leinster, where his death occurred in 1894. The mother of him whose name initiates this review was summoned to the life eternal in 1868, when he was a lad of about six years. Of the children William J. is the elder of the two now living, his brother Thomas when at home being a resident of Dublin, Ireland, being now in the diplomatic service of the British government. Three children are deceased, two sons and one daughter.

In a private school in his native land William J. Mahoney acquired his early educational discipline, and he there also attended the preparatory department of a college. At the age of ten years he came to the United States, and settlement was made at Center Station, Lawrence County, Ohio, where he spent two years, and was reared to adult age in Ironton, Ohio, being there afforded the advantages of the public schools. He made good use of his scholastic privileges, and for two and one-half years was numbered among the successful teachers of the district schools, besides which he worked in various iron furnaces in the States of Virginia and Tennessee, having charge of iron plants as manager and in

other capacities. His ambition led him to form definite plans for his future career, and after deciding to adopt the legal profession he entered the law department of Washington University at Lexington, Virginia, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1898 and from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws. Since the time of his graduation Mr. Mahoney has been engaged as a teacher and instructor in law and has practiced his profession for varying intervals in Virginia, Washington, Ohio and other states. He has been one of the leading representatives of his profession in Lawrence County, Ohio, since 1908. He controls a large and important law business and has appeared in connection with much notable litigation in the various courts of this section of Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Mr. Mahoney is independent in his political opinions. He is well fortified in his conviction concerning economic measures and government policies, as he is a close student of the questions and issues of the hour, as well as of the best in general literature, including that of his profession.

In the year 1885 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Mahoney to Miss Ella Scherer, who was born in Ironton, Ohio, April 14, 1862, a daughter of Michael Scherer, a pioneer in Ironton business circles. Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney have two children, Elizabeth and John L. The daughter is now the wife of Henry Horschel, of Ironton, and they have one son, William E. M., their daughter, Henrietta, having died in childhood. John L. Mahoney is unmarried and resides in Oklahoma.

Fred Frecka. There is something to be found of a nature more than ordinarily interesting in the career of one who has won his own way in the world and who in spite of handicaps and difficulties has attained the goal of success which he has set before him. Such a man is Fred Frecka, well known as a plumber and also favorably known to the citizens of Ironton as the former capable superintendent of the water works. In almost every respect he is self-made and self-educated, and the services he rendered his community in his official capacity were such as to entitle him to a place among the builders of Lawrence County's most thriving city. Mr. Frecka was born at Ironton, Ohio, April 5, 1873, and is a son of Henry and Kathryn (Brinkman) Frecka.

Henry Frecka was born in Germany in 1838, and like many of his ambitious fellow-countrymen decided that a more promising future awaited him across the water. Accordingly, at the age of twenty-two years, he emigrated to the United States and soon settled at Ironton, where he became the proprietor of a flourishing ice business and through industry and integrity made a place for himself among his adopted city's substantial men. He took a keen interest in civic affairs, and

during the two terms that he served as councilman was instrumental in the making of beneficial laws. His death occurred in 1908. Mrs. Frecka, who was also born in Germany in 1838, survives her husband and makes her home at Ironton. There were ten children in the family: Kathryn, Minnie, Charles, Tillie, Henry, Fred, Louis, Mary and two who died in infancy.

Fred Frecka attended the public schools of Ironton until reaching the age of fourteen years, and during this time displayed his industrious and energetic nature by working on the ice wagon for his father. He then became apprenticed to the trade of plumber, and after working at this vocation under Pete Constable for four years opened a store of his own, continuing to conduct this establishment until 1912. He gained during this time a reputation for skilled workmanship and fidelity to engagements which gained for him, in 1912, the appointment to the office of superintendent of the water works, a position in which he eminently proved his ability and his high value to the city. During his incumbency Mr. Frecka improved the water service in various ways, relaying a great deal of old and small pipe with larger lines, and thus greatly increasing the supply. His conscientious and energetic efforts met with the approval of the people, and no city official was held in higher general esteem. A republican in politics, Mr. Frecka has been active in the ranks of his party, and has served as councilman of Ironton since 1908. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious connection is with the German Reformed Church.

Mr. Frecka was married February 8, 1891, at the home of the bride, to Miss Mary C. Massie, daughter of Isaac and Philona Massie, of Greasy Ridge, Lawrence County. Four children have been born to this union, of whom two survive: Hazel G., who is a popular school teacher of Ironton; and Chauncy M., who is still attending school. The pleasant family home is located at 249 South Third Street.

Eugene B. Willard. Probably no one individual through his own career and through the activities of his family has had more intimate relations with the general industrial and commercial life of the Hanging Rock Iron Region than Eugene B. Willard of Ironton. As Mr. Willard is associated with the "History of the Hanging Rock Iron Region" in the capacity of editor, the publishers desire to take this opportunity to insert in the biographical section a sketch of Mr. Willard and his interesting family.

Eugene B. Willard is a native of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and was born at Pine Creek Landing, Scioto County, Ohio, September 23, 1842. His is one of the oldest American families represented now in

Southern Ohio. 1. Simon Willard, the first American ancestor, was born in the Parish of Horsmonden, County of Kent, England, in 1605, baptized April 5, 1605, a son of Richard Willard, and came to America in April, 1634, landing at Boston. He was a member of the General Court, surveyor of arms, representative, major of militia County of Middlesex, and had many years of active service against the Indians. He died April 24, 1676. Simon Willard married, first, Mary Sharpe, daughter of Henry and Jane Sharpe in England; second, Elizabeth Dunster, sister of Rev. Henry Dunster, a president of Harvard College; third, Mary Dunster, who died at Sudbury in December, 1715. 2. Josiah, who died at Weathersfield, Massachusetts, in 1674, married March 20, 1656-57, Hannah Hosmer. 3. Samuel, born September 19, 1658, married Sarah Clarke June 6, 1683, died at Saybrook, Massachusetts, in 1713-14. 4. Joseph, born at Saybrook, graduated at Yale College, 1714, married Susanna Lynde, was preacher at Sunderland, then at Rutland, and was killed by Indians August 23, 1723, after a struggle in which he had killed one Indians and wounded another. 5. Joseph, second son of Rev. Joseph and Susanna, married Huldah Willard, who was daughter of Lieut. Moses Willard, who was killed by Indians June 18, 1756, near Charlestown, New Hampshire. 6. Francis Willoughby Willard, married Deborah Blood December 3, 1772. 7. James, born in Charlestown, New Hampshire, and died in 1851, married Lydia, daughter of Jonathan and Catherine Willard of Langdon, New Hampshire. 8. James Orville, born at Charlestown, New Hampshire, July 7, 1814, removed to Painesville, Ohio, in November, 1834, married Anna M. Seeley in 1839, and died at Ironton, Ohio, May 19, 1855. 9. Eugene B. Willard, born as above stated September 23, 1842.

James O. Willard, the father, was educated at Plainfield, New Hampshire, was reared on a farm until twenty, then became clerk at a furnace, and then furnace owner and manager in the Hanging Rock Region in 1840. He was the first president of the Iron Railroad in 1850, and then cashier of the Iron Bank of Ironton. He was a Congregationalist and a whig in politics. His wife, Anna M. Seeley, was born at Easton, Connecticut, was brought by her father to Painesville, Ohio, in 1814, was educated there in the public schools and in a seminary at New Haven, Connecticut, and she died at Ironton June 17, 1873. Her father was Uri Seeley, who was a son of Ebenezer Seeley, who was son of Nathaniel Seeley, son of Nathaniel Seeley, all of Connecticut.

Eugene B. Willard when nine years of age was brought to Ironton, Ohio, in October, 1851, and acquired his early education in the public schools of that city. In September, 1859, he entered the freshman class of Marietta College, Ohio, left there in May, 1861, because his mother,

who was then a widow, was afraid he would enlist in the army. He was the only son, and for a time he yielded to his mother's wishes that he should remain at home. During the winter of 1861-62 he taught school, and wrote in the office of the county auditor at Ironton until President Lincoln called for "600,000 more" in July, 1862. August 15, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Ninety-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, served in West Virginia and in the Shenandoah Valley, was under Generals Hayes, Crook and Sheridan, was wounded in battle July 20, 1864, near Winchester, was promoted to second lieutenant in January, 1865, and mustered out with the regiment June 30, 1865. He saw comparatively little fighting during the first two years, since the regiment was engaged in scouting and garrison duty in the mountains of West Virginia. The last year was one of heavy campaigning in Virginia. At the beginning of the engagement on the afternoon of July 20, 1864, near Winchester, Company H had forty-seven men present for duty, and of these eleven were killed or mortally wounded, and fourteen wounded. The company during its entire term of service lost but one man by disease, and twelve killed in battle.

In October, 1865, a few months after his return from the war, Mr. Willard became clerk at the Buckhorn furnace in Lawrence County. In August, 1866, he went to the Ohio furnace in Sioto County, owned by Means, Kyle & Company, to serve as clerk. This company was owner of the Ohio and Pine Grove furnaces and the Hanging Rock coal works, and at that time was the strongest and most progressive company in the business of making charcoal iron in the Hanging Rock Region. In May, 1868, Mr. Willard entered the general offices of Means, Kyle & Company at Hanging Rock as general bookkeeper and cashier, remained with the company as cashier, general manager and president by successive promotions until October, 1902. It was this company that built the Hamilton coke furnace at Hanging Rock in 1884-85, and thereafter the manufacture of coke pig-iron was its pricipal business. After nearly forty years of active connection with the furnaces and related industries of this region Mr. Willard resigned and ceased active business in 1902.

While always a republican, Mr. Willard has usually belonged to the rank and file of the party. His only offices have been township or school board positions. However, he was chairman of the commission which built the Lawrence County courthouse. Mr. Willard has been a member of the Presbyterian Church since 1866, and an elder for more than thirty years.

On July 23, 1868, at Ironton, Ohio, Eugene B. Willard and Alice Valentine were united in marriage. Alice was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 8, 1844, and died at Ironton, October 25, 1910. She attended the

public schools of Ironton until September, 1862, and then entered Granville Female College at Granville, Ohio, from which she graduated in June, 1865. Her father, John Valentine, was a mechanical engineer and lost his life in 1852 at New Orleans, Louisiana, while engaged in erecting sugar machinery for Miles Greenwood & Company of Cincinnati. Her mother, Phebe Walton, was born and reared near Chester, Pennsylvania, of Quaker stock, but came to Ohio about 1830, and died at Hanging Rock in October, 1895.

With all the work and accomplishments of a long life Mr. Willard may be pardoned for finding his highest satisfaction in the group of children who have grown up in his home, to each of whom he has been able to afford a collegiate education, and who already do honor to their parents by the worthy stations they have found in life. His children, all born at Hanging Rock, briefly mentioned, are: Mary, born January 23, 1870; James Orville, born December 15, 1872; Eugene B., born October 19, 1874; Alfred S., born August 29, 1879; Anna, born June 25, 1881; Alice, born January 30, 1883; and Ruth, born June 1, 1888. Mary Willard attended the public schools of Hanging Rock, afterwards spent three years at the Granville Female College, where she graduated in June, 1890, and on October 16, 1895, married Edward L. Lambert, and they now live at Ironton, parents of four children, three girls and one boy. James Orville was graduated from the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester in June, 1894, as a civil engineer, entered the employ of the Carnegie Steel Company the same year, remained in its service seven years, then entered the employ of Jones & Laughlin Steel Company of Pittsburg as engineer in charge of construction at their Eliza furnace plant, and is still with that company in charge of the six Eliza blast furnaces; he is unmarried. Eugene B., Jr., attended the Hanging Rock public schools until the age of fifteen, then entered the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, graduating a civil engineer in June, 1894, became assistant manager at Hamilton furnace, Hanging Rock, for two years, following which he spent two years at the Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland, and then took charge of Hamilton furnace as manager. In 1900 he went to the Iroquois furnace at Chicago, remained there until 1902, then took the management of the furnaces at Wellston, Ohio, remained there until 1906, and then took charge of the Eliza furnaces at Pittsburg. On May 21, 1907, he with five other men was instantly killed by an explosion at the Eliza furnaces; he was unmarried. Alfred S., after attending the Hanging Rock public schools until June, 1896, spent two years in the Pennsylvania Military College, nearly two years at the Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland, taking a course as mechanical engineer, served his time as machinist in the Norfolk

& Western Railroad shops at Portsmouth, and has continued in the employ of that railroad as machinist, foreman and general foreman of shops to this time, having been general foreman of the shops at Williamson, West Virginia, for the past three years; he married Ethel Mills of Cleveland, Ohio, October 16, 1905, and has two children. The daughter Anna attended the public schools at Hanging Rock until June, 1897, followed by two years at Lake Erie College at Painesville, Ohio, then four years in the Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, graduating in June, 1903; at Ironton, June 5, 1907, she married Osbert E. Irish, a lawyer, and has two sons and one daughter. The daughter Alice attended public schools at Hanging Rock until June, 1899, entered the Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, in September of that year, was graduated in June, 1905, and is yet unmarried. Ruth after her graduation from the Ironton High School in June, 1907, spent four years in the study of music at Oberlin, Ohio, is unmarried, and is now organist at the Presbyterian Church of Ironton.

Daniel Webster Williams. As editor of that portion of the "History of the Hanging Rock Iron Region" pertaining to Jackson County, the publishers desire herewith to present a brief sketch of the career of Daniel Webster Williams, whose many years spent in Jackson County have been accompanied with valuable service as newspaper man, author, and a leader in public affairs.

Daniel Webster Williams was born October 31, 1862, at Banner, Jackson County, Ohio. The Williams family is of Welsh origin. His great-grandfather, David Rees Williams, was a Welshman, but married Celia Lyon, who was of Irish family, and a sister of Matthew Lyon, who was for two terms a congressman from Vermont, represented a district in Kentucky in Congress four terms, and was the first delegate from the Territory of Arkansas. The Lyon family were natives of Wicklow County, Ireland.

George David Williams, grandfather of the Jackson editor, was born February 11, 1785, and died December 30, 1871. He was the founder of the Williams name in Southern Ohio. He was a freeholder at Lledrod, Wales, and in 1839 emigrated to America and settled on a farm in Greenfield Township, Gallia County, Ohio. There he assisted to organize Sardis Church, Calvinistic Methodist. He married Hannah Lewis of Aberaeron, Wales, a descendant of a Huguenot who had fled from France in a coasting vessel at the time of the St. Bartholomew massacre, and settled in Wales. Hannah Lewis died March 22, 1870.

Benjamin G. Williams, father of Daniel W., was born in Wales, emigrated with his parents and spent the rest of his life in Ohio. He was

a farmer, first in Gallia County, and then near Banner, in Jackson County. He was born March 2, 1821, and died January 8, 1912. By two wives he was the father of seventeen children. His second wife, the mother of Daniel W., was Margaret Evans, who was born in Jackson County, Ohio, March 18, 1839, and died February 9, 1908.

Daniel W. Williams was educated in the common schools and in the Ohio University, leaving college in his junior year. After some experience in other lines he took up newspaper work July 15, 1889, and that has been his vocation ever since, except during the period from April, 1905, to June, 1907, when he served as consul at Cardiff, Wales. As consul he wrote many exhaustive reports to the American Government. He resigned that post in the consular service to return home and care for his mother during her last days. Mr. Williams was given the honorary degree of A. M. by Ohio University in 1904. Besides his contributions to the current newspapers, Mr. Williams is author of a history of Scioto Salt Licks in Jackson County; and edits the Standard Journal, a weekly regarded as a unique contribution to journalistic technic. His "Day by Day" notes on varied subjects, politics, personalities, philosophy, humor, etc., have been widely quoted.

On the republican ticket Mr. Williams was elected in 1908 as senator from the Seventh Ohio District, and served one term. In that time he was chairman of the committee on mines, and introduced the present mining code for Ohio. He was also chairman of the Ohio food probe committee of 1910, the first to publish a report on that subject in this country. In 1914 Mr. Williams was candidate on the progressive ticket for lieutenant governor of Ohio. He has long been active in the Presbyterian Church, having served as elder, Sunday school superintendent, trustee and in other relations with his home church, and as president of the Jackson County Sunday School Association several terms. In college Mr. Williams was a Delta Tau Delta, and is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men. In his home community he has performed a number of civic services, and was a library trustee of Jackson.

January 6, 1887, Mr. Williams married Sarah Marshall Ames at Macon, Mississippi. Mrs. Williams is of a notable Southern family. She received her education at Macon, Mississippi, and in the Ohio University. Her parents were Charles Bingley and Sarah Jane (Longstreet) Ames. Her ancestor, Sylvanus Ames, died while with the American army at Valley Forge. Her father was a soldier in the Confederate army, and held many positions of honor in Noxubee County, Mississippi, including those of probate judge, superintendent of education, etc. Mrs. Williams' mother was the youngest sister of Gen. James Longstreet, one of the ablest leaders of the Confederacy. Of the children born to Mr.

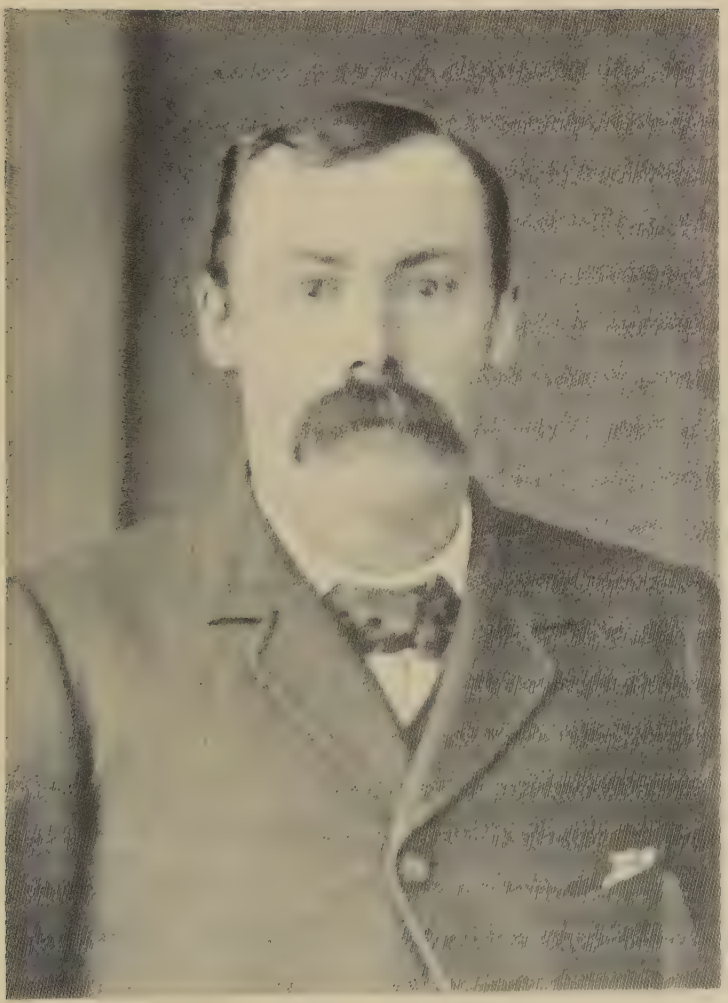
and Mrs. Williams, two, Maude and Chilton, died in infancy. Ben Ames Williams, who was born at Macon, Mississippi, March 7, 1889, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1910, and since that year has been employed on the Boston American, and on September 4, 1912, at York Harbor, Maine, married Florence Talpy; Helen Ames Williams, born at Jackson, Ohio, July 20, 1893, was graduated at Glendale College, Ohio, in 1913.

Mrs. Henry Winter. Substantial industry, honest dealing with all his fellowmen, and quiet but unostentatious success were the characteristics of the late Henry Winter, who died at Ironton in 1905, and whose widow, Mrs. Katharine Winter, now continues to reside in that city and is one of the women prominent both in business and social affairs.

Henry Winter was born at Pomeroy, Ohio, in 1853, spent most of his life in the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and was for a number of years an iron puddler. After the iron industry declined he opened a grocery store, and built up a good business and eventually was rated as one of the very successful and prosperous men of Ironton. He had along with first class business ability the characteristics of charity and generosity, and did a great deal for less fortunate people that has never come to the knowledge of the world.

Mrs. Katharine Winter was born at Buena Vista, now Princess, Kentucky, a daughter of Joseph and Rosa (Bahn) Falter. Her father was born in Germany in 1820, came to Kentucky in young manhood, and subsequently was one of the early settlers of Lawrence County, Ohio, where he died in 1885. His wife was born in Germany about 1823. Mrs. Winter came to Ironton when about eight months of age, was reared and educated in the city, and has known the people of the community and been interested in its affairs for many years. On June 9, 1885, she married Mr. Winter, and since his death has shown unusual business capacity in looking after the estate. To their marriage were born three children: Bertha M., Frances R. and Henry, Jr. Bertha, who graduated at St. Aloysius Academy in New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio, in 1906, is now living in Ironton and is organist at St. Joseph's Church. Frances is also a graduate of the same academy in 1907. Henry, Jr., is a graduate of St. Mary's College at Dayton, Ohio, in 1912, and is now clerk with a large coal company in the mining district of West Virginia.

Mrs. Winter is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of the Christian Mothers Society and does much practical charity both in and out of the church. She is a stockholder in the First National Bank, in



HENRY WINTER

the Ironton Lumber Company, the Ironton Engine Plant and several other local companies. Besides her beautiful residence at 135 S. Third Street she is the owner of a good deal of real estate in and out of the city.

JOHN PEEBLES. A man of indefatigable enterprise and marked fertility of resource, John Peebles, of Portsmouth, has long been identified with the advancement of the commercial and industrial interests of this part of Scioto County, and as the result of his ability and efficient management has not only achieved distinction in business circles, but has gained a comfortable fortune. He was born at Pine Grove Furnace, Lawrence County, Ohio, a son of John Geddes and Martha (Steele) Peebles, of whom an extended history may be found on another page of this biographical work.

After leaving the public schools, John Peebles attended Sewickley Academy, in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and the State Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio. Entering then the employ of Johnson, Peebles & Co., he was a clerk in the office of their hub and spoke factory until 1873, when, in partnership with Joseph G. Reed, he embarked in the wholesale dry goods business, which he continued for a quarter of a century. He then disposed of his interest in the firm in order to devote his entire time and energies to his father's business affairs, which were numerous, and of much importance. In 1902 Mr. Peebles, with characteristic enterprise and foresight, organized the Peebles Paving Brick Company, of which he has since been president. The Peebles family still retain the interest of John G. Peebles in the iron business, and Mr. John Peebles is director and vice president of the Bellefontaine Iron Works Company and of the Ashland Iron and Mining Company. He also served as president of the Portsmouth National Bank from the time of his father's death until that institution was consolidated with the First National Bank of Portsmouth.

Mr. Peebles was first married in 1870 to Sarah Lynn Tewksbury, who was born at Wheelersburg, Scioto County, a daughter of Moor Russell and Sarah (Lynn) Tewksbury, and a granddaughter on the paternal side of Ezekiel Tewksbury, a native of Amherst, Massachusetts, who married Sallie Barron, of North Haverhill, New Hampshire. On the maternal side she was a granddaughter of Andrew and Jane Lynn, of Brown County, Ohio. Mrs. Sarah L. Peebles died July 7, 1881, leaving one daughter, Martha Steele Peebles. Mr. Peebles married, second, in 1888, Antoinette Lloyd. She was born in Portsmouth, a daughter of Richard and Mary Ella (Bentley) Lloyd, and a granddaughter on the maternal side of Aholiab and Mary (McCauley) Bent-

ley, and great-granddaughter of Benjamin and Mary (Baldwin) Bentley. By his second marriage Mr. Peebles has two children, Miriam and Joseph Bentley. Martha Steele Peebles married Elmer Dover, and has one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Dover. Miriam, his youngest daughter, is the wife of Jay Lee Cross, and they have one child, Jay Lee Cross, Jr. Joseph Bentley Peebles married Ellen Vandervoert, and they have one child, Martha Bentley Peebles.

Mr. and Mrs. Peebles are members of the Second Presbyterian Church, and have reared their children in the same religious faith. Fraternally Mr. Peebles is a member of Aurora Lodge No. 48, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; of Solomon Council No. 79, Royal and Select Masters; of Cavalry Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar; of the Ohio Consistory; of Syrian Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and is a thirty-third degree Mason, and an honorary member of Trinity Consistory No. 2, of Nashville, Tennessee.

George Ott Newman. Noteworthy among the more highly esteemed and respected citizens of Portsmouth is George Ott Newman, who has for many years been actively engaged in the practice of law. He was born November 9, 1836, in Staunton, Virginia, a son of Hon. William and Catherine (Ott) Newman. An extended account of his ancestors may be found elsewhere in this volume, in connection with the sketch of his brother-in-law, the late Joseph G. Reed.

Hon. William Newman was born in Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia, January 19, 1807, and was there bred and educated. Coming to Ohio at the age of twenty years, he located at Newark, and there, in 1828, cast his first presidential vote for Andrew Jackson. Returning to Virginia, he lived for a time in Woodstock, Shenandoah County, from there moving to Staunton, where he engaged in mercantile business. In 1838 he again came to Ohio, this time bringing with him his wife and two children. He journeyed with horse and carriage to Wheeling, and from there to Portsmouth, Ohio, by boat. At the death of his father, in 1840, he went to Highland County to settle the parental estate. Returning to Portsmouth at the end of one year, he established himself as a contractor and builder, and in that capacity erected many of the finer brick buildings of the city, including residences, business blocks, churches and school buildings. Very successful in his operations, he continued the business until his death, July 23, 1874. He was a member of the Ohio Senate in 1860 and 1861.

Hon. William Newman married, in 1834, at Woodstock, Virginia, Mrs. Catherine (Ott) Williams, whose death occurred July 8, 1856. Six

children were born of their union, as follows: Anna M., widow of Joseph G. Reed; George Ott; William H.; James W.; Rigdon; and Charles H. William H. Newman served as captain of Company A, Thirty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and later was for a number of years clerk in the treasury department at Washington, D. C. He spent his last years in California, dying in Los Angeles. Charles Newman, who became an Episcopalian minister, held pastorates in various places, and died in Florida. Rigdon Newman learned the printer's trade, and subsequently located in Louisville, Kentucky, where his death occurred.

Acquiring his elementary education in the public schools of Portsmouth, George Ott Newman subsequently entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and was there graduated with the class of 1858. Beginning then the study of law in the office of Moore & Johnson, he was admitted to the bar by the District Court of Morrow County on August 1, 1860, and at once began the practice of his profession in Portsmouth.

In 1860 Mr. Newman joined the state militia and was commissioned first sergeant of Company A, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Militia. The company responded to Lincoln's first call for troops in April, 1861, and became Company G, First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was mustered into the United States service at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1861. Mr. Newman was with his regiment until August 1, 1861, when he was honorably discharged with his regiment, his term of enlistment having expired. Upon his return to Portsmouth his many friends insisted that he should be a candidate for prosecuting attorney of Scioto County, and he was elected to that office on the democratic ticket for one term. Mr. Newman subsequently engaged in the practice of his chosen profession, and through his legal skill and ability built up a large and lucrative patronage.

Mr. Newman married, September 12, 1866, to Miss Clay B. Moore, a daughter of Oscar F. and Martha B. (Scott) Moore. Four children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Newman, namely: Oscar W., Kate, wife of Edwin N. Alger, has one daughter, Clay Alger; Russell C., who married Mary Bayrd, and has one child, Oscar Newman; and Fannie C., wife of Edward H. Shaw, of Atlanta, Georgia, who has three children, George N., Oscar M. and Helen M. Shaw. Mr. Newman served as a member of the board of city electors until the board was abolished, has been president of the board of trustees of the public library since its organization in 1879, and president of the Portsmouth Bar Association since its organization in 1901. He belongs to two college fraternities, the Sigma Chi and the Phi Beta Kappa.

H. S. Willard. One of the men most prominent in the coal and iron development of Jackson County and elsewhere, and for many years president of the First National Bank of Wellston.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 31, 1849. It was only the accident of birth that made him a native of Cincinnati, since his parents were at that time living at Buckhorn Furnace in Lawrence County, Ohio. Four months after his birth his father, Henry S. Willard, died at Buckhorn Furnace. When he was a boy of ten years his mother married O. B. Gould of Franklin Furnace, Scioto County.

Mr. Willard, after the public schools, completed his education in the School of Technology at Boston, and then went to Kansas. From there he returned to Ohio and in March, 1873, went to Jackson County, where Wellston was subsequently founded. He became superintendent of the Milton Furnace & Coal Company, and inaugurated the development of the Wellston coal fields by sinking the Milton shaft and building the Milton furnace. This furnace was first blown in June, 1874. During the past forty years Mr. Willard has been actively engaged in the mining of coal and the manufacture of pig iron, and incidentally has become connected with many other enterprises in various places, extending as far west as the Pacific coast. He has been president of the First National Bank of Wellston since its organization in 1886.

Mr. Willard was married at Emporia, Kansas, September 4, 1872, to Miss Kate L. Robinson, daughter of Newton L. Robinson of Portsmouth, Ohio. They have three children: Kate Robinson, Pauline and Henry S., Jr.

Judge John Davisson. Some important history of early Lawrence County, and of the beginnings of Ironton, is illustrated by the career of Judge John Davisson, one of the most prominent pioneers of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and a man whose memory is gratefully cherished by his many descendants in this section and whose work and influence should not pass unmentioned in any history of the locality.

Judge John Davisson was born in Maryland in 1777, came to Ohio and about 1801 settled on a tract of land beginning with the south bank of Storms Creek, following the Ohio River south to a point near where the D. T. & I. depot now stands, thence by a due east line out over the "Chronacher Hill" near the tunnel on Park Avenue. He was one of the pioneers who cleared away the timber and farmed the land on which the lower portion of Ironton now stands. He built his first log cabin about where the "old mill" used to stand, and set out fruit trees around it. Each year saw more land cleared and brought under cultivation until in 1812 he built a modern hewn log house, which stood about where

Buckhorn Street crosses Fourth Street. Being one of the most prosperous farmers in this neighborhood, in 1822 he built the first brick house ever erected in this part of the country. For that purpose he brought brickmakers from Columbus, and they made and burned the brick on his own land and laid them in the walls. This was a two-story residence and marked a new era in home building for the surrounding neighborhood, and attracted no little attention. It stood just back of the present New Excelsior shoe factory, fronting the river. It was occupied by his widow and family after his death until 1848, when the farm was sold for a townsite for Ironton, and the first lots were sold in June, 1849. This old house stood as a landmark long after the town started, but was torn down in 1892 to make way for improvements.

Judge Davisson was one of the most influential men in the public life of the county, serving as squire for many years before Lawrence County was organized, in what was then Upper Township of Scioto County, taking its name from its position as the upper township in that county. Portsmouth then was the metropolis of this section. When Lawrence County was organized in 1817, Judge Davisson with two other gentlemen—Miller and Kerr—were made associate judges for the new county, Mr. Davisson being chosen presiding judge. He held court at Burlington, the new county seat, for a number of years. Between 1821 and 1826 he served three terms in the State Legislature, first at Chillicothe and last at Columbus. He made the trips to the capital on horseback, and stayed there all winter or throughout the session. The year he died—1831—he was to have stood for the state senatorship, but a malignant disease cut short his useful life in its prime. In early life Judge Davisson was a splendid marksman and a great wolf hunter.

His wife was Susanah Lambert, born in New Jersey just twenty days after the Declaration of Independence. She died in 1848. They reared a splendid family of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, who in turn have founded some of the best families of this region and in western states.

Rev. Charles Boardman Taylor, Ph. D. One of the oldest and best known ministers and school men in southern Ohio is Charles Boardman Taylor.

He has some notable ancestors. His great-grandfather, Eliphalet Taylor, was a private in the Revolutionary army. His grandfather, Theodore Taylor, volunteered in 1799 and joined the army collected under the venerable Washington for the defense of this country in the threatened war with France. Doctor Taylor himself and his father, Rev. Warren Taylor, were both members of Ohio regiments in the Civil

war. Thus few families have a record of more service in the wars of the nation. Doctor Taylor's father was a member of Company E of the 140th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served a hundred days and received an honorable discharge. In 1862 Charles B. Taylor enlisted in Company G of the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and in 1863 was transferred to the First Ohio Heavy Artillery. His service as a soldier continued from 1862 until after the close of the war in 1865. Most of his service was in the mountain regions of West Virginia, East Tennessee and East Kentucky, in the zone between the major operations of the contending armies of the East and West. Doctor Taylor is now a member of Sergeant Reed Post No. 253 of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is chaplain of the Post.

Charles Boardman Taylor was born February 6, 1846, a son of Reverend Warren and Margaret (Walton) Taylor. Forty-six years ago he was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian church. Since then he has preached in Vinton and Athens counties, Ohio, and for upwards of half a century his work has been either as a minister or as a practical educator. For two years he spent most of his time preaching to deaf mutes throughout the state. As a churchman Doctor Taylor has officiated at 280 weddings, about 1,300 funerals and has received into his church 640 persons. It is said that he has married and buried more people in Vinton County than any other minister. He founded and built the church at Guysville in Athens County, and assisted Rev. J. P. A. Dickey in reorganizing the church at McArthur twenty-five years ago, and since March 1, 1895, his home and work have been identified with this town of Vinton County. He has also filled pastorates at Deerfield, Guysville, Brownsville, Wilkesville and McArthur, filling the same pastorate at Wilkesville which had been honored by his father before him. Doctor Taylor's son, Warren L., has also preached in Wilkesville, so that members of three successive generations have filled that pulpit.

He is president of the Vinton County Civic League, which is a local supplement to the Ohio anti-saloon organization. He also served eight years as a member of the Board of School Examiners of Vinton County, but retired from that office in 1907.

Doctor Taylor is the author of two school books: Lessons in Psychology and Lessons in Law. His name also appears as the author of two historical works: Wilkesville and Salem, and The Presbytery of Athens.

By ancestry he is of old New England stock. His father, Rev. Warren Taylor, was born in New Hampshire October 6, 1814. The grandfather, Theodore Taylor, was a native of Rhode Island, but lived for many years in New Hampshire, and finally came out to Michigan, where he died at the age of sixty-three. Warren Taylor grew up and was

educated in the East, attended the Union College at Schenectady, New York, and later became a prominent educator and Presbyterian minister. He was ordained at Warren in Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1844, and as a preacher and teacher he spent an active career of forty-six years. He died in Ross County, Ohio, April 21, 1890. It was while filling the pastorate at Wilkesville in Vinton County that he established a private school known as the Wilkesville Normal Academy. He was prominently known and esteemed over several counties of Ohio. Rev. Warren Taylor was married April 24, 1840, at Freehold, New Jersey, to Miss Margaret Walton. She was born and reared in New Jersey and she died in the arms of her son, Doctor Taylor, at his home May 6, 1892. She was born in 1820, and throughout her life was a devout Presbyterian. She became the mother of four sons. One of these, Rev. V. E. Taylor, who died at the home of his brother, Dr. Charles B., in 1912, was for thirty-four years an active minister of the Presbyterian Church and never married. Rev. Park W. Taylor, another brother, is now a home missionary and serving in a jurisdiction on the west side of the Appalachian range of mountains in Tennessee, and is also unmarried. B. G. Taylor, the other brother, is a carpenter by trade, lives in Dayton, Ohio, and is married and has a family of children.

At Wilkesville, Ohio, February 15, 1866, Dr. Charles B. Taylor married Miss Bettie Ruth Davis. She was born near Wilkesville, but in Meigs County, Ohio, January 28, 1848. She was a student with her husband under the direction of Rev. Warren Taylor. Her grandfather, John Davis, came from Eastern New York, and was a pioneer in the Wilkesville community of Ohio, having located there in 1818, and the land which he acquired from the Government and which was improved by his labors is still in the family, being owned by a great-grandson, John Williams. Mrs. Taylor's father, Erastus Davis, was born in New York in 1815, and was two and a half years of age when the family located in Vinton County. He grew to manhood in that locality, and subsequently became a flour and sawmill man. He married Phoebe B. Brown of the old Brown family of Amesville, Ohio. They lived happily together for more than forty years, and were active members of the Presbyterian Church at Wilkesville.

To Dr. and Mrs. Taylor have been born the following children: Phebe, wife of H. M. Lee of Bailey, Michigan, owner of a fine mill at that town, and they have five sons and one daughter, one son being in the United States Army, and one in the United States Navy; Cornelia V. is a missionary worker, and for the past three years has been located at Beaumont, Texas; Margaret W. is the wife of John McGathey, who is connected with the National Cash Register Company at Dayton, Ohio;

Rev. Warren Lincoln Taylor is a Presbyterian home missionary and his work is on the east side of the Appalachian Mountains at Eskota, North Carolina, and is married and has one daughter; Adaline is the wife of Albert G. Poston, and they live at Pliny, West Virginia, and have a family of several children; Eunice L. is supervisor of primary teaching at Rio Grande College, Ohio; Rev. Arthur Hamilton Taylor is now finishing his course in the Lane Seminary at Cincinnati; Esther M. is a teacher in the public schools of Covington, Kentucky, where she has been located for the past three years; E. Scott, the youngest, is making his home at McArthur, where he is connected with a feed store, and he married Miss Norma Trainer of McArthur.

Corydon E. Nourse. As a building contractor Corydon E. Nourse has been identified with Portsmouth and Scioto County for many years, and his work is exemplified in hundreds of structures, including business blocks and private residences, and his reputation for responsible management and systematic execution of every contract is thoroughly established.

Corydon E. Nourse was born at Friendship, in Nile Township, Scioto County, June 26, 1872. He comes of pioneer stock in this section of Ohio. His father was Oliver Nourse, who was born at Cary Run, in Scioto County, while Grandfather Joshua Nourse was one of the pioneers in this section. Joshua bought land at Cary Run, and put up a frame house which is still standing and in a good state of repair. The work of carpentry has been almost a family profession, and the grandfather was an excellent workman at the trade and did building for many of the early residents of Scioto County, where he lived as a resident until his death. His remains now rest in the Vaughter Cemetery. Joshua Nourse married Elizabeth Noland, and their five children were Oliver, Corydon, Elliott, Elizabeth and Lucy.

Oliver Nourse, the father, also learned the trade of carpentry, and in early manhood, in 1861, volunteered for service in Company A of the Ohio Infantry. He saw some active service as a soldier and made a good record. After his honorable discharge he returned home, and continued working at his trade until his death at the age of fifty-six. Oliver married Sarah Walker. She was born at Turkey Creek, in Nile Township, a daughter of John Walker. She survived her husband only a short time and was of the same age at the time of her death. Her six children who grew up were Lucy, Corydon E., William J., Pryor, Edith and Edna.

Corydon E. Nourse attended the public schools as a boy and early began assisting his father as a carpenter and thus has been a practical

man of the trade for almost a quarter of a century. By 1893, when he reached his majority, he began taking contracts for his own execution. In 1898 Mr. Nourse left Ohio and spent a year in San Antonio, Texas, and from there moved to St. Louis, and during the five years spent in that city continued working at his trade, and a part of the time was employed in the construction of the World's Fair buildings. Since returning to Scioto County Mr. Nourse has continued his business as a contractor, and has successfully carried out contracts for many private houses and business blocks.

June 26, 1895, he married Bertha M. Cook, who was born in Nile Township, a daughter of John H. and Lulu (Early) Cook. The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Nourse are Audry, Guy, Lulu and Ronald. Mr. Nourse and wife are members of the Manley Methodist Episcopal Church, in politics he is a republican and is now serving on the city school board, while his fraternal affiliations are with Massie Lodge No. 115 of the Knights of Pythias.

William B. Anderson. This name of a prominent Portsmouth merchant bespeaks an extensive relationship with pioneer families in Southern Ohio, including the Warwicks, the Russells, the Hibbs, Lucas and others. The Andersons have been active in local business affairs for many years, and William B. Anderson is president of the Anderson Brothers Company and president of the Portsmouth Board of Trade.

He was born at Howards Mills, Kentucky. His father, the late George Washington Anderson, was born in Bath County, Kentucky, January 18, 1830. Grandfather William Anderson, a native of Virginia, left that state for Kentucky, and spent the rest of his days on a farm in Bath County. He married Fanny Graham, whose father was Judge Graham, of Virginia. George W. Anderson began his business career at the age of sixteen, as clerk in his uncle's store in Mercer County, Kentucky, and two years later became clerk on the steamboat Blue Wing, running between Frankfort and Louisville. Six months of that and he returned to Mercer County, and in 1856 went to Cincinnati to take a course of training in Bartlett's Commercial College, and remained for a time as one of the teachers. From 1857 until the winter of 1859-60 he had a store at Howards Mills, Kentucky, following which he was successively engaged in merchandising at Camargo for two years and then at Mt. Sterling. The war was in progress, and Mt. Sterling was raided by John Morgan's band. Being apprised of the enemy's approach, Mr. Anderson secreted his most valuable goods in some coffins owned by an undertaker who, while a southern sympathizer, was a true friend of the merchant. By this

little strategy the goods were saved, but on a second raid by the same band his store was cleaned out and he determined to remove to the north side of the Ohio River. Accordingly, in October, 1864, he moved to Portsmouth and with Peter Helms opened a store on Market Street. When peace came a few months later, he returned to Mt. Sterling, but in February, 1867, began a more permanent connection with Portsmouth as a business man. His store this time was on Second Street at the corner of Court, but in the fall it was removed to a building erected for him by Dan McFarland in the same block.

The only other interruption to his career as a Portsmouth merchant came in 1872, when he sold out and went to Kansas and tried both merchandising and farming in the Sunflower State, being member of the firm of J. F. Warwick & Company. Having disposed of his Kansas interests in 1874 and returned to Portsmouth, George W. Anderson bought the shoe store of R. M. Lloyd & Company on Chillicothe Street. The stock was later moved to Second Street, occupying the west half of the building later the home of the Hibbs Hardware Company, on the north side of Second between Court and Market. While in that location W. B. Anderson became associated with his father under the firm name of G. W. Anderson & Son, and the subsequent admission of Eugene G. Anderson changed the title to G. W. Anderson & Sons. A stock of dry goods was added in 1886, and a change made to more commodious quarters in the Huston Stone Front, opposite, but after nine years the store was moved to near the Washington Hotel. That remained the place of business until after the death of George W. Anderson, which occurred October 8, 1895.

On October 22, 1857, George W. Anderson married Annie Warwick. Her father, Dr. Beverly G. Warwick, was born in Nelson County, Virginia, December 25, 1805, a son of Nelson Warwick, and was liberally educated for the time. In 1825 he taught in Nelson County at Bethel Church, moved to Augusta County in 1827, teaching three years near Waynesboro, and for four years followed the same work at Staunton. In the meantime he had studied medicine under Dr. T. Reynolds, and in 1837 attended lectures in the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati. Beginning in 1838, he practiced a year at Deerfield in Augusta County of his home state, and then at Middlebrook, Virginia, until 1856. In 1857 he was graduated from the Miami Medical College and the following winter attended Ohio Medical College, which also gave him a diploma. Doctor Warwick was also a minister of the gospel, having been licensed as a local preacher of the Methodist Church in 1850 and in 1857 was ordained a deacon by Bishop Morris. Doctor Warwick came to Portsmouth in 1858, but the following year

removed to Lucasville, where he kept a general store and drug store, besides other professional activities, and lived there until his death on June 14, 1880. Doctor Warwick married, September 19, 1833, Mary Fisher, a daughter of Anthony Fisher, of Churchville, Virginia. She died February 1, 1902, the mother of seven children.

George W. Anderson and wife had thirteen children, and those who grew up were: William Beverly; Maggie M., wife of Dr. J. N. W. Crawford; Sallie J., who died at Cincinnati October 13, 1901, the wife of Dr. F. H. Williams, of Portsmouth; George B., who died at Cincinnati January 13, 1902; John Frank; Charles N., president of the Anderson-Newcomb Company, of Huntington, West Virginia; Eugene G., president of the Western Dry Goods Company, Seattle; Preston H., in the department store of Hale Bros., San Francisco; Warwick W., secretary and treasurer of the Anderson Bros. Company, Portsmouth, Ohio; Nelson R., an attorney, of Seattle; and Crawford, secretary of the Western Dry Goods Company, Seattle.

William B. Anderson was a pupil in public schools until sixteen, and then began a practical business experience which has covered forty-one years. His first work was in his father's store, and in 1878 he was made a partner. In March, 1900, the store was removed to its present location on Chillicothe Street, the building having been erected for the company by Doctor Crawford. In 1903 Mr. Anderson acquired title to the adjoining building, and now the extensive stocks of the various departments occupy four floors in the two buildings. In 1904 the firm was incorporated as Anderson Brothers Company, with Mr. Anderson president, Charles N. Anderson vice president and Warwick W. Anderson secretary and treasurer. Since then Russell W. Anderson has come into the company as second vice president.

Besides being executive head of one of the chief mercantile houses of the Hanging Rock region, Mr. Anderson is vice president and director of the Security Savings & Trust Company, a director of the Breece Manufacturing Company, vice president of the Anderson-Newcomb Company, of Huntington, West Virginia. He is president of the Portsmouth Board of Trade, and for many years has been public spiritedly identified with both the commercial and civic welfare of this city.

In 1886 Mr. Anderson married Miss Ida Russell, who was born near Lucasville, in Scioto County, a daughter of William B. and Rebecca (Hibbs) Russell, a family with some early and prominent relations with at the age of fourteen, learned the trade of hatter in Philadelphia, and the affairs of this section of Ohio. William B. Russell was born at West Union, in Adams County, Ohio, in 1810. His father, Hon. William Russell, a native of Ireland and left an orphan, came to America

at the age of fourteen, learned the trade of hatter in Philadelphia, and followed it at Maysville, Kentucky, until 1802. In that year he established his home at West Union, in Adams County, Ohio, and for many years was a merchant and prominent in early state politics. He represented Adams County in the first Legislature, which met at Chillicothe, and when Scioto County was organized in 1803 was appointed the first clerk of courts, an office he resigned in 1804. In 1809 he was again elected to represent Adams County in the Legislature, and in February, 1810, was appointed associate judge for Scioto County, resigning in 1812. In 1811 he represented Adams County in the Legislature which met in Zanesville, and the same county in 1819 sent him to the State Senate, and he was re-elected in 1820. His political career was a notable one, and in the fall of 1826 he was elected on the democratic ticket to Congress, and was twice re-elected from the same district. In 1833 he removed to Scioto County to engage in the iron business, and in 1841 was again sent to Congress, this time as a whig. At the end of his term he located on his farm on Brush Creek, where he spent the rest of his days. Says Evans, the local historian: "He filled each and every office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents." By his marriage in 1802 to Nancy Wood were born six sons and one daughter.

William B. Russell, father of Mrs. Anderson, was educated in early life for the profession of physician, but did not complete his course in medical college, and turned his attention to agriculture and horticulture on his farm in Brush Creek Township. Later he came to Portsmouth to give his children school advantages and became accountant in the hardware store of his brother-in-law, J. L. Hibbs. He died at Portsmouth at the age of seventy-five. His first wife was Rhoda Hered, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Kendal) Hered. Her five children were named George, John, Joseph, Carrie and Ellen. The second wife, and the mother of Mrs. Anderson, was Rebecca Lucas Hibbs. She was born in Union Township of Scioto County, August 3, 1825. Her father, Jacob Hibbs, Sr., was born in Pennsylvania November 5, 1793. Jacob's father was Aaron, one of the first settlers in Adams County, Ohio, having located near the present site of Locust Grove about 1800. Aaron married Catherine Humphreys, and he died in 1852 and she in 1846. Jacob Hibbs assisted in clearing a farm from the wilderness and after his marriage removed to Union Township, in Scioto County, where he died in 1852. His marriage to Rebecca Lucas introduces another interesting family into this record. Her father, Judge Joseph Lucas, was born in Virginia in 1771. His father, William Lucas, was born in Virginia in 1742, and February 13, 1777, enlisted for three

years in the Second Virginia Regiment and served with the rank of captain. In Virginia he was a large planter, operating with slave labor. In 1800, having sold his Virginia estate, he moved into the Northwest Territory to join his sons, who had preceded him as pioneers. He located at Lucasville and died there in 1814, being buried in the Lucasville Cemetery with military honors appropriate to his service as a Revolutionary soldier. Judge Joseph Lucas had come into Ohio in 1797, accompanied by his brother William, for the purpose of locating their father's land warrants, and settled at the mouth of Pond Creek, in what is now Rush Township, Adams County, then. Joseph Lucas was well educated and took a prominent part in affairs, being one of the three who represented Adams County in the first session of the State Legislature. At the session beginning in March, 1803, at Chillicothe, Scioto County was organized, and he was one of the men appointed associate judge of the new county, an office he held until his death in 1808. Joseph Lucas married Hannah Humphreys, and they reared three sons and three daughters.

Mrs. Anderson was one of six children, namely: Charles F., William L., Edward W., Mary G., Ida and Mabel Russell. Mr. W. B. Anderson and wife have reared seven children, named Maud, Russell W., Ann E., Margaret, William B., Jr., Richard L. and John L. Maud is the wife of Arthur N. Horr, and has two children, Beverly David and Arthur N. Russell W. Anderson married Ruth C. Pontius. Ann E. is the wife of Oliver Morton Shumway. Mr. Anderson and wife are members of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is president of the board of trustees and has been superintendent of the Sunday School twenty-five years. His fraternal membership is in Aurora Lodge No. 48, A. F. & A. M., Mount Vernon Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., Solomon Council No. 79, R. & S. M., and Calvary Commandery No. 13, K. T.

Joseph Edward Shump. The special success of Joseph Edward Shump in Scioto County has been in the field of real estate operations. Mr. Shump is a resident of Sciotoville, and has been known since early manhood to this community as a successful teacher, a worker for others in various lines, and as a shrewd and foresighted investor in real estate. He has done much to develop Sciotoville and has large interests in the South.

Joseph Edward Shump was born at Sciotoville, a son of William Shump, and a grandson of Conrad Shump. The last named was born in Germany, where his name was spelled Schumppe. He was the only member of his immediate family to come to America, arrived in this country when a young man and lived in Pennsylvania several years.

and from there came in the early days to Scioto County, buying a tract of timbered land in Harrison Township. A number of years were devoted to the heavy task of clearing off this forest and tilling the soil, and in that community he died at the age of eighty-eight years. Among his children were William, Henry, Theodore, Louis, John and Mrs. Sarah Weeks.

William Shump, the father, was born in Pennsylvania in 1838, was brought to Ohio when a child, and grew up on the old farm in Harrison Township. When still a young man, in 1862, he enlisted for service in the Union army, joining the Seventh Ohio Cavalry. Few Scioto County volunteers had a more active service than William Shump. His regiment participated in the Kentucky campaign during 1862, then in the operations through Tennessee, was with Sherman's army on its advance from Chickamauga to Atlanta, and then returned to Tennessee with the troops in pursuit of Hood's army, participating in those sharp and sanguinary conflicts at Franklin and Nashville. During the Kentucky campaign he fought at Mount Sterling, Dutton Hill, Monticello, Rocky Gap, in Tennessee was at Cumberland Gap, Blue Springs, the siege of Knoxville, Bains Crossroads and Newmarket. At the close of the war he was discharged with his regiment and returned home and for several years was connected with the Harrison Furnace. He then removed to Sciotoville, and is now living retired in that village.

William Shump married Maria Corriell. Hers is one of the old families of the Hanging Rock region. She was born in Porter Township of Scioto County, a daughter of Sela Corriell. Her grandfather was a native of New Jersey, and from that state emigrated to Ohio about 1825 and bought a tract of land in Harrison Township, where he improved a farm and lived until his death. Sela Corriell, who was born in New Jersey about 1807, was a young man when he accompanied his parents to Ohio, and subsequently bought a tract of Government land bordering the Scioto River. His first improvement was a log house, to which subsequently was placed an addition of frame, and after several years he sold out and removed to Portsmouth and was a resident there at the time of his death, at the age of eighty years. Mr. Corriell married Mary Welch, who was also born in New Jersey, and died at the age of seventy-two. The nine children reared by Mr. and Mrs. Corriell are named Thomas, Abraham, Maria, Izora, Herbert L., Raymond, Rosa, Warren and John. Mr. and Mrs. William Shump had five children: Henry; Thomas; Mary, who married George Royal; Isabella, who married Robert Leithner; and Joseph Edward.

Mr. Joseph E. Shump grew up in Sciotoville, where his education came from the local schools, and having qualified himself for that voca-

tion, he began teaching at the age of nineteen. His first term of school was in the McCullough District in Union Township, and he taught in several different districts, and his final teaching was in the high school at Rarden. Following that he was for four years a clerk in the office of the N. W. Railroad, and in 1907 opened an office for the real estate business at Portsmouth. That has been his home office from which he has conducted his operations, which, however, have chiefly centered in Sciotoville. Having foreseen the growth and development of this town, he invested all his capital in local real estate, and has improved several pieces of property. Mr. Shump is also largely interested in real estate development in Florida, being one of the interested parties in the development of the tract of 118,000 acres around Felsmere.

Mr. Shump was married December 21, 1898, to Estella B. Mathiot. She was born at Lyra, Scioto County, a daughter of Samuel S. and Louisa (McCurdy) Mathiot. Mr. and Mrs. Shump have one son, Edwin Leroy. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Portsmouth.

Fraternally Mr. Shump has affiliations with Aurora Lodge No. 48, A. F. & A. M., Solomon Council No. 79, R. & S. M., Mount Vernon Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., and Calvary Commandery No. 13, K. T.; also with Massie Lodge No. 115, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America Camp No. 3993, and Lodge No. 154 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans. Mr. Shump has taken much interest in local affairs at Portsmouth, was elected a member of the city council in 1908 and again chosen to the same position in 1913.

Robert Orm Richardson. One of the large and valuable estates of Scioto County belongs to the Richardson family, and Robert O. Richardson's chief business activity at Portsmouth is the care and management of these various properties. The Richardsons have lived in Scioto County for many years, and Mr. Richardson's mother's family, the Ormes, were among the very early settlers in this region.

Robert Orm Richardson is a native of Portsmouth and a son of the late John Richardson, who was born in County Monaghan, Ireland. The grandfather was born in the same locality, and the great-grandparents were Robert and Martha (McDonald) Richardson. Robert Richardson was a farmer, probably lived in Ireland all his life, and his wife was a native of Scotland. The family were Presbyterians in religion and reared their children in the same faith. The late John Richardson left home when a youth, came to America, landed in New York City, worked in various lines there for a time, and then came to Portsmouth, where he was employed by an uncle. His only capital at

that time was good health and willing hands. By attending strictly to business and by his thrift he was eventually able to enter the grocery business at the corner of Chillicothe and Fifth streets. He was a man of unusual business capacity, and had a large and prosperous business as a merchant. His surplus capital was invested in city and farm property, and he finally retired from the grocery trade and devoted his attention to his real estate and other private affairs. His death occurred November 22, 1909.

The late John Richardson married Phylara Orme. She was born in Clay Township of Scioto County. Her father was John Orme, a native of Maryland, and her grandfather, John Orme, Sr., was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, of English parents. The senior Orme was reared and married in Maryland, came to Ohio with his family about 1812, having made the journey by wagons over bad roads and in some parts through the unbroken forests. They bought a flatboat on reaching the Ohio River, and made the rest of the journey by water to Portsmouth. Arriving in Scioto County, Grandfather Orme rented the Ofner farm, lived in a log house, and that land is now included within the city limits of Portsmouth. For a number of years he farmed successfully, and then bought land about five miles north of the courthouse, and cleared a farm from the midst of the woods. John Orme, Sr., and family endured all the hardships of pioneer life. The women of the household worked at the spinning-wheel and even gave their assistance in the farm work proper. At that time Portsmouth was the market town for the settlements many miles around, and the Orme children often walked into town, carrying chickens, eggs and other produce to market. As a matter of interest it should be noted that they sold the eggs for three cents a dozen. The children were educated in a small log schoolhouse, with only one window, covered with greased paper, the school term lasting for about three months each year. John Orme, Sr., lived on the farm north of Portsmouth until his death, March 25, 1844, at the age of seventy-six. He married in 1798 at Hagerstown, Maryland, Elizabeth Graham, and they reared a family of eight children. Their son, John Orme, Jr., was very young when brought to Ohio, grew up in this new country, and after reaching manhood bought some Scioto bottom lands in Clay Township. In that vicinity he continued his home until his death. John Orme, Jr., married Philma Hayward, daughter of Moses Hayward, an old family which is sketched on other pages of this work. The late John Richardson and wife were the parents of two children: Essie, who married George F. Thomas, and lives in Portsmouth, and Robert O.

Robert O. Richardson acquired his early education in the city

schools of Portsmouth, and his first business experience was in his father's store. After that he went on the road as salesman for the National Biscuit Company, and continued to represent that well-known corporation for fifteen years. Since leaving the biscuit company, Mr. Richardson has devoted his time to the management of his father's estate.

In 1912 he married Catherine Strayer, daughter of J. Frank and Elizabeth Strayer. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth and he is affiliated with Portsmouth Lodge No. 154, B. P. O. E., and with the United Commercial Travelers.

Maurice J. Caldwell. In November, 1912, the people of Scioto County chose for the office of treasurer a citizen whose fitness for such responsibility and honor is unquestioned and exceptional. Maurice J. Caldwell has been a resident of Scioto County most of his life, has been a practical and successful farmer, has some of the finest bred cattle and hogs in the state, and has always been noted for his honesty and efficiency in every undertaking with which his name has been connected.

Mr. Caldwell, who was born on a farm in Valley Township of Scioto County, March 29, 1876, represents two prominent old families in this county and in Ohio, both the Caldwells and the Claypools, being people of more than ordinary prominence. His great-grandfather, Smiley Caldwell, was left an orphan at an early age, was reared among strangers, and in early manhood came to Ohio and became identified with the early settlement of the state, living for a time in Jackson County, and moving thence to Ross County, where he purchased land near Richmond Dale, and devoted many years to clearing the farm and cultivating it. Successful to a more than ordinary degree, he acquired other lands, and continued to live on the old homestead until his death. He married a widow, Mrs. Eve (Ridenour) McNeil, who had four children by her first husband. By her marriage to Mr. Caldwell there were four children, Jacob, Edwin, Sarah J. and George. Captain Jacob Caldwell, grandfather of the Scioto County treasurer, was born near Richmond Dale, in Ross County, Ohio, acquired his early education in that vicinity, and for a time was a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. Following his marriage he located in Valley Township of Scioto County, and he and his brother Edwin bought land there and were partners in general farming and stock-raising enterprise. Captain Jacob Caldwell in 1862 enlisted in the Ninety-first Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was commissioned a captain of Company I. He went to the front with his regiment, and gave up his

life during his service, his death occurring at Frederick, Maryland, August 9, 1864. His remains were brought home and buried on his father's farm. Captain Caldwell married Huldah Hurd, who was born in Ohio, her parents being natives of Connecticut and early settlers in the Ohio Western Reserve. After the death of her soldier husband she married Lewis Reese, lived a few years in Oregon, and then returned to Ohio and spent her last days with her children. She reared three children: Smiley Anson, Huldah J. and Robert Brooks.

Smiley Anson Caldwell, father of Maurice J., was born on the old farm in Valley Township, where his son was also born. The birth of the father occurred March 15, 1853. His education was acquired by attendance at the district schools of Valley Township, and following the death of his father he made his home with his grandparents in Pike County and was also a student in the Ohio College at Athens. At the age of twenty he returned to the homestead and later succeeded to its ownership, and for many years was actively and successfully identified with farming and stock raising. In 1905 he removed to Chillicothe, and now lives in that city retired.

In 1874 Smiley A. Caldwell married Nancy Jane Claypool, who was born in Fairfield County. The Claypools are a family now well known in different states of America, where they have lived for many generations, and originally their home was in Waldrum Park, Northamptonshire, England. James Claypool, one of the ancestors, was granted a coat of arms on June 17, 1583. One John Claypool married Elizabeth, a daughter of Oliver Cromwell. A brother of John, James, witnessed the signature of William Penn to the charter of Pennsylvania. The family was founded in America by James Claypool, who was born February 16, 1701, and died October 9, 1789. On coming to America he settled near Moorefield in Hardy County, on the south branch of the Potomac River, in Virginia. Hardy County was a part of Western Virginia, which many years later was established as the State of West Virginia. James Claypool, a son of the emigrant, was born December 1, 1730, in Hardy County, and died August 11, 1811. The maiden name of his wife was Margaret Dunbar. They had nine daughters and three sons. Of these, Jacob Claypool, who was the great-great-grandfather of Maurice J. Caldwell, was born in Hardy County, Virginia, March 17, 1775, acquired a good education, and became a long surveyor. He came to the new State of Ohio in 1805, bought land in the locality known as Yankeetown in Fairfield County, and in 1808 moved his family to that locality. They were among the earliest of the permanent settlers in the county. In the midst of the wilderness was erected a substantial hewed-log house, and the family at once took a prominent

part in the development of the country and as influential factors in social life. During the first twenty years Jacob Claypool spent much of his time in surveying. His superior education and fine mind soon gave him a leading position in the county, and he was identified with some of the larger business activities of that locality. On the organization of the Lancaster Bank in 1816 he was elected a director. In the same year he was elected a representative to the State Legislature and re-elected in 1818 and held office until 1822, and in 1824 was chosen a member of the Ohio State Senate. He was one of Fairfield County's first citizens to drive cattle to eastern markets, and continued in that business until a short time before his death. He was a man of unusual business capacity, honest and correct in all his dealings, and left a name which will always be esteemed by his descendants. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Judge Claypool married Margaret Baker, and they had three daughters and six sons. The father of Nancy J. Claypool was Isaac Claypool, a son of the Jacob Claypool just mentioned. Isaac was born January 29, 1821, succeeded to the ownership of the old home farm in Fairfield County, and possessing the same business integrity and enterprise of his father, continued to increase his possessions until his land holdings comprised upwards of six hundred acres, thoroughly equipped, with improvements that made the farm one of the best in the entire county. That was his home until his death at a good old age. Isaac Claypool married Nancy Mason, who was the mother of Nancy Jane Claypool. She was born January 22, 1821, a daughter of John Mason, and died October 16, 1855. For his second wife Isaac Claypool married Sarah A. Pierce, of Dover, New Hampshire, and also had a third wife, Annie E. Cosgrove.

Maurice J. Caldwell was one of four children, the other three being Earl Claypool, Beatrice and Annie M. When he was twelve years of age his mother died, and after that he lived in Denver with an aunt and attended the city schools. Graduating from the high school, he took a course in the Central Business College of Denver, and with that preparation returned home and became associated with his father in farming and stock raising. After the removal of his father to Chillicothe, about ten years ago, he became sole manager of the estate and has continued it until the present time, branching out into new activities and becoming known all over Southern Ohio for his advanced enterprise as a stockman. The profitable features of his business are the raising of thoroughbred cattle, hogs and horses. His favorite breed of cattle is the Aberdeen Angus, of which he has the largest herd of thoroughbreds in Scioto County. He also has a number of Duroc Jersey hogs.

Mr. Caldwell was married in 1904 to Beatrice Cenci Tatje. She was born in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, a daughter of Oliver and Mollie (Downey) Tatje, both natives of Ohio, while her father was of early French stock. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have two sons: Herbert T. and J. Maurice.

Mr. Caldwell cast his first presidential vote for William McKinley, and has been one of the steady supporters of the party up to the present time. As a capable business man he has naturally been prominent in his home locality, served as trustee of Valley Township, and in 1912 was accorded the important honor of election to the office of county treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are members of the Methodist Church, and he is affiliated with Lucasville Lodge of the Masons and with River City Camp No. 129, Woodmen of the World.

Ephraim W. Smith. Elected sheriff of Scioto County in November, 1914, by the largest majority ever given for a candidate for this office in the history of the county, Mr. Smith needs no further voucher for the confidence and esteem here reposed in him, and his administration throughout is certain to justify the popular choice which brought to him this important official preferment.

Mr. Smith was born at Oak Hill, Jackson County, Ohio, on the 27th of June, 1868, and is a son of William E. and Eliza Ellen (Allen) Smith, the former of whom was born in Kenton County, Kentucky, on the 20th of June, 1833, and the latter of whom was born in Jackson County, Ohio, in 1846, her death having occurred at the old home in Oak Hill, on the 27th of May, 1901, and her husband having there passed away on the 28th of March, 1901. They became the parents of seventeen children, of whom ten sons and two daughters are living, namely: Mary C., Joseph R., Ephraim W., Loren O., James C., Rutherford A., Ottie Warren, Thomas G., Louden E., Ceola E., Austin L. and Cassius O.

William E. Smith was a son of Ephraim W. Smith, who was born in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and who was there reared and educated. From the old Keystone State Ephraim W. Smith removed to Kenton County, Kentucky, where he was engaged in farming until 1851, when he removed with his family to Scioto County, Ohio, and established his residence in Portsmouth. He was soon afterward appointed a member of the police force of the city and he held this position until his death, a few years later. William E. Smith was indebted to the public schools of Kenton County, Kentucky, for his early educational discipline and was about eighteen years of age at the time of the family removal to Scioto County, Ohio. Here he found

employment as a boatman on the Ohio Canal and he continued to be thus engaged until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he laid aside the labors of peace to tender his services in defense of the Union. On the 11th of November, 1861, he enlisted in Battery L, First Ohio Light Artillery, and the history of this gallant command is virtually the record of his military career, for he participated in the various campaigns and battles in which his regiment was involved and made a record that will give lasting honor to his memory. Among the more important engagements in which he took part may be mentioned the following: Front Royal, Port Republic, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Rapahannock Ford, New Hope Church, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. He continued with his command until victory had crowned the Union arms and received his honorable discharge on the 11th of July, 1865, at Columbus, Ohio. In later years his abiding interest in his former comrades was shown by his active affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic, and in politics he was an ardent supporter of the cause of the republican party.

Sheriff Smith, whose popularity is attested by the fact that he is familiarly known as "Pete" Smith, made good use of the advantages afforded in the public schools of his native village, but while still a mere boy he gained experience in practical affairs, through being employed in a brickyard in his home county. He acquired a thorough knowledge of all details of this line of industry and in April, 1896, he came to Portsmouth, where he was employed for a few months in a brickyard. He then engaged with the Portsmouth Stove & Range Company, with which he remained eight years. He was then appointed a member of the city's police force, a position in which his grandfather had previously served in this city when it was little more than a village, and he continued a valued member of the department for a period of four and one-half years. For one year thereafter he was in the employ of the local telephone company and thereafter he gave one year to service with the street railway and electric light company. In January, 1911, largely as a result of his excellent service on the police force, he was appointed deputy sheriff of the county, and of this office he continued the incumbent until January, 1915, when he entered upon the discharge of his duties as county sheriff, a position to which he had been elected in the preceding November, as already noted in this context.

Sheriff Smith has ever been a loyal and unwavering advocate of the principles and policies for which the republican party stands sponsor, and his first presidential vote was cast for Benjamin Harrison. He and his wife hold membership in the United Brethren Church, as did also his parents, and in the time-honored Masonic fraternity his

affiliations are with Aurora Lodge No. 48, Free and Accepted Masons. At Portsmouth he is identified also with River City Camp No. 3993, Modern Woodmen of America; River City Aerie No. 57, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Portsmouth Chapter No. 11, American Insurance Union; and with the organization of the Order of Owls and the Loyal Order of Moose.

On the 13th of May, 1888, Mr. Smith wedded Miss Priscilla J. Leonard, who was born and reared in Jackson County, and who was a daughter of John and Sarah Leonard. She was summoned to the life eternal on the 13th of September, 1907, and is survived by five children, Elmer E., Earl L., Ottie Floyd, and Martha M. and Margaret M., who are twins.

On the 16th of November, 1910, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Smith to Mrs. Mary Shackelford, who was born in Wolfe County, Kentucky, and who is a daughter of Noah and Elizabeth (Hobbs) Williams. No children have been born of this marriage.

Roy C. Lynn. Occupying a position of prominence among the rising young business men of Scioto County is Roy C. Lynn, of Portsmouth, who has made a thorough study of sanitary science and embalming, and as an undertaker has won an extended reputation throughout this section of Ohio. A native of Scioto County, he was born September 27, 1886, on a farm lying one mile from Clifford, that having been likewise the birthplace of his father, William J. McAuley. His paternal grandparents, James and Mary (Cockerel) McAuley, were pioneer settlers of Scioto County, where they bought a tract of heavily timbered land, from which they cleared and improved a farm.

Inheriting the parental homestead, William McAuley continued in the free and independent occupation of an agriculturist until 1907, when he sold the old home farm and removed to Heber, Wasatch County, Utah, where he now owns and operates a flour mill. He married first Minnie Cutlip, a daughter of George Cutlip, a Scioto County farmer, who lived to the venerable age of ninety-one years. She died in 1888, leaving two children, namely: Una May, wife of Wesley Stemshorn, of Scioto-ville; and Roy C., the special subject of this sketch.

But eighteen months old when his mother died, Roy C. McAuley was legally adopted by Trustom and Susan (McAuley) Lynn, who gave him their name and carefully reared him. Acquiring his preliminary education in the city schools, Mr. Lynn was graduated from Clarke's College of Embalming, at Cincinnati, on May 28, 1905. Deeply interested in his chosen work, and anxious to add in every possible way to his professional knowledge and efficiency, he subsequently took a course

of study at the Barnes School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming, from which he was graduated March 9, 1908. On May 20, 1908, Mr. Lynn was granted a license as undertaker and embalmer by the State of Ohio, and on December 9, 1912, received a similar license from the State of Kentucky. He has a well-appointed office in Portsmouth, a showroom, a morgue, and a mortuary chapel, and also an auto ambulance, his undertaking establishment being the best and most thoroughly equipped of any to be found in Southern Ohio.

Mr. Lynn married, July 5, 1906, Mary Ann Reinhardt, who was born in Portsmouth, a daughter of John N. Reinhardt, and they had one child, Janet Marie Lynn, who died September 9, 1915. Religiously, both Mr. and Mrs. Lynn belong to the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally Mr. Lynn is a member of Portsmouth Camp No. 3993, Modern Woodmen of America; of Portsmouth Court No. 109, Tribe of Ben Hur; of River City Camp No. 29, Woodmen of the World; of the Order of Owls; and of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Hon. Albert Clifton Thompson. In the annals of Scioto County no name shines with brighter luster than that of the late Hon. Albert Clifton Thompson, of Portsmouth, who, during the Civil war, won distinction as a brave soldier, later becoming prominent in legal circles, and as a member of Congress proving himself an able and influential legislator, ever faithful to the interests not only of his constituents, but to those of county, state and nation. A son of John J. Y. Thompson, he was born January 23, 1842, at Brookville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.

John J. Y. Thompson learned the trade of a civil engineer when young, and after following that profession for a while, embarked in the lumber business. A man of much intelligence and ability, he was active in public affairs, and for several years was associate judge of Jefferson County. In the spring of 1865 he came to Portsmouth, Ohio, and the following August his death occurred in that city. His wife, whose maiden name was Agnes Kennedey, was a daughter of Rev. William Kennedey, a Presbyterian clergyman. She survived him a number of years, passing away at an advanced age. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: William Kennedey; John J.; Angeline; Albert Clifton, the subject of this brief biographical sketch; Clarence was killed at the battle of Manassas, in Virginia, when but seventeen years old; Robert M.; Ella A.; and Edith.

Albert C. Thompson received excellent educational advantages when young, after leaving the public schools continuing his studies for two years at Jefferson College, in Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, and at the

breaking out of the Civil war was reading law. On April 23, 1861, inspired by true patriotism, he enlisted in Company I, Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three months, and being commissioned second sergeant of his company, served under command of General Patterson in Maryland and Virginia. On August 27, 1861, Mr. Thompson re-enlisted for a term of three years in Company B, One Hundred and Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was made orderly sergeant of his company. On October 11, 1861, he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, and on November 28, 1861, was transferred to Company K, and commissioned captain of the company.

On May 21, 1862, Captain Thompson was severely wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, and at the second battle of Bull Run, on August 29, 1862, he was again wounded, a musket ball entering his right breast, fracturing his second and third ribs, and lodging in his lungs, where it remained. He suffered much, and for ten months was confined to his bed. In June, 1863, he entered the invalid corps, from which he resigned in 1864 to resume the study of law, and in the latter part of that year was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar.

Coming to Ohio in 1865, Mr. Thompson began the practice of his profession at Portsmouth, where his abilities were soon recognized. In 1869 he was elected probate judge, and served for three years. Elected one of the Common Pleas judges of the second subdivision of the Seventh Judicial District of Ohio in the fall of 1881, he remained in that position until September, 1884, when he resigned to accept the nomination of his party as a candidate for Congress, to which he was elected, and served so efficiently that he was re-elected to the same high office in the forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first. During his first term as a congressman Mr. Thompson was a member of the committee on land claims. In the Fiftieth Congress he served upon the invalid pension committee. It was during the Fifty-first Congress that the McKinley tariff bill was formed, and in the construction of that important measure Judge Thompson took no inconsiderable part, being frequently called upon by the party for counsel and advice. It was through the efforts of the Judge that the Federal Building was erected in Portsmouth. The bill as passed by the Fiftieth Congress was vetoed by President Cleveland, but became a law by the president's sufferance in the Fifty-first Congress.

A dike, known as the Bonanza Dike, built in the Ohio River about that time, was provided for through the instrumentality of Judge Thompson, at a cost of $75,000, and in addition three ice piers were built just below, each one costing $7,500. The City of Portsmouth also received the boon of free delivery service through the same source.

After his retirement from Congress the Judge was appointed by Governor McKinley chairman of the Ohio Tax Commission, which made its report in 1893, in the month of December. Active and prominent in republican ranks, Judge Thompson was chosen as a delegate to the Republican National Convention that met in St. Louis in 1896, and in January, 1897, he was appointed chairman of a commission created by Congress to revise and codify the criminal and penal laws of the United States. He served ably in that capacity until appointed by President McKinley United States district judge for the Southern District of Ohio. Assuming the duties of that office on September 22, 1898, he continued as United States district judge until his death, January 26, 1910.

Judge Thompson married, December 25, 1867, Ella A. Turley, a daughter of John A. and Charlotte (Robinson) Turley. Of the union of Judge and Mrs. Thompson six children were born and reared, namely: Charlotte, Albert Clifton, Sara Gibbs, Amy, Guy Vansant and Ruth. Charlotte Thompson married Hon. Oscar W. Newman, and has one daughter, Katherine Newman. Albert Clifton Thompson, Jr., enlisted, in 1898, for service in the Spanish-American war in the Thirty-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and at the close of the war took a post graduate course at West Point, and is now a captain of coast artillery in the United States regular army. He married Gladys Ferguson, of New York. Sara Gibbs Thompson married Eustace Wheeler, of Baltimore, who is now engaged in the practice of law at St. Louis, and has one child, Carlotta Thompson Wheeler. Amy Thompson married Raymond D. York, and they have three children, Levi Dee York, Albert Thompson York and Ruth A. York. Guy Vansant Thompson married Rose Smith, of St. Louis, and their only child, a son, is named Albert Clifton Thompson. Ruth Thompson, the youngest child, is at home with her mother. Judge Thompson was for many years a member of the Loyal Legion of Ohio, and served as its commander.

Joshua Vansant Robinson, Sr. For nearly four decades in the early history of Portsmouth Joshua Vansant Robinson, Sr., was actively identified with the development and advancement of the material interests of the city, and he will ever be gratefully remembered as one who contributed in no small measure toward the progress and growing prosperity of this section of Scioto County. Of Quaker parentage, he was born October 18, 1790, in Belvidere, New Jersey, where he was bred and educated.

In early manhood, being impressed with the many resources of the great Northwest, Mr. Robinson came to Ohio, and after living for a

time in Evansville, located in Cincinnati. In 1829 he took up his residence in Portsmouth, then a town with neither railroad nor canal. Opening a wholesale dry goods store on Second Street, he was successfully engaged in business until his death, January 8, 1865.

Unusually energetic and progressive, Mr. Robinson was ever among the foremost in the establishment of enterprises conducive to the welfare of the city, and was not only active in business, but held a place of prominence among the more influential citizens. He was president of the old Commercial Bank when it was located on Second Street, below Market Street, and, in 1845, when the bank ceased, Mr. Robinson, Samuel M. Tracy and Charles A. M. Damarin were appointed trustees to wind up the affairs of the defunct institution. The Bank of Portsmouth, a branch of the State Bank, was its successor, with Mr. Robinson as its first president. He was one of the prime movers in securing the building of the Hocking & Scioto Valley Railroad, now the Portsmouth branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway. He negotiated the loans in the eastern cities, and did much else to further the enterprise, proving himself so eminently capable and efficient that on the completion of the road, in 1849, he was made president of the company.

Mr. Robinson was a pioneer in the iron industry, which for many years stood pre-eminent in the state, having been at the head of the enterprising firm of Robinson & Glidden, proprietors of the old Scioto Furnace. In his later years his sons were associated with him in business, and in addition to owning and operating the Union Mills, they operated a distillery, for many years buying the entire corn crop of the Scioto Valley. Mr. Robinson and his sons likewise operated a foundry and a mammoth tannery at Springville, Kentucky, and during the '40s and early '50s were engaged in steamboating on the Ohio River, building for the river trade several large steamboats. While operating the Union Mills property they built the suspension bridge that crossed the Scioto at Second Street, and also the towpath pike leading from the bridge to the mill, having received permission to do so from the State Legislature.

Mr. Robinson married Hannah Cooper, who was born in Philadelphia, on Chestnut Street, of Quaker parents, and who was a cousin of James Fenimore Cooper, the celebrated author and novelist. She died one year before her husband. They reared eight children, namely: Lucien Newton; Joshua V., Jr.; Lewis Cooper; Cornelia, who married Wells A. Hutchins; Charlotte, who became the wife of Col. John A. Turley; Mary Ellen, who married Daniel A. Glidden; Camelia; and Charles Henry.

Samuel A. Williams. One of the fine old characters of a generation that is now a past was the late Samuel A. Williams, who lived for many years in Scioto County and whose descendants are still represented among the honorable and successful citizenship of this locality.

Samuel A. Williams was born in Bath County, Kentucky, February 20, 1807. His father, Capt. William A. Williams, was born in England November 16, 1774, as a boy began the life of a sailor and rose to the captaincy of a vessel. Finally retiring from the sea, he came to America and on May 8, 1805, married Harriet L. Forrest. She, too, was a native of England and a daughter of a wealthy sea captain, but at the time of her marriage was visiting the family of Judge Salter in the United States. After their marriage Captain Williams and wife located on a farm in Bath County, Kentucky, and that was their home until death. Captain Williams died March 20, 1845.

Samuel A. Williams, who was one of several children, was reared and educated in Kentucky, and in young manhood moved to Portsmouth, where he was employed in the Gaylord Rolling Mill until after the breaking out of the Civil war. He was more than fifty years of age when the war came on, and was therefore not subject to duty. However, he enlisted in Company B of the Seventy-third Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, went to the front, and remained in the service until his honorable discharge on account of disability. After his return from the army he continued a resident of Portsmouth until his death on November 1, 1871, at the age of sixty-nine.

Samuel A. Williams married Mrs. Sidney A. (Huston) Anderson. She will always have a special distinction in the history of the City of Portsmouth, since she is credited with having been the first white girl child born on the site of that city, August 7, 1808. Her parents were William and Susanna (Boyd) Huston, a family that is sketched elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Williams died December 8, 1892. She had one child by her first marriage, Eliza A. Anderson, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Williams reared six children: Maria L., William H., Susanna H., Cyrus Brooks, John M. and Samuel Vinton. Three of the sons, William H., John M. and Cyrus B., all saw service in the Civil war, and the two first are the subjects of special sketches found elsewhere in this publication. The son Cyrus Brooks enlisted with his father in Company B of the Seventy-third Regiment of Ohio Infantry, went to the front, and after nearly a year was honorably discharged on acount of disability. Returning home and recuperating, he again enlisted, this time in the One Hundred and Seventeenth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a regiment that subsequently became the First Ohio Heavy Artillery. After his second enlistment he again went to

the front and remained with his command until the close of the war. An honorable discharge was followed by return to Portsmouth and some years later he went West and died in Denver, Colorado, a few years ago.

Captain William Huston Williams. While his country needed his services on the battlefields of the South, Captain William H. Williams was a gallant soldier with an Ohio regiment, having enlisted from Portsmouth, the home of his childhood and early youth. Since the war Captain Williams has been a successful and thrifty business man, and has enjoyed many tokens of esteem and evidence of the confidence of his fellow citizens in various public offices.

Captain William Huston Williams was born in the City of Portsmouth August 27, 1840, and was the oldest son of Samuel A. and Sidney (Huston) Williams, worthy pioneers whose careers are sketched on other pages of this work. William H. Williams was educated in the Portsmouth schools, and on July 16, 1861, before he had reached his twenty-first birthday, enlisted in Company A of the 39th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This regiment, according to Evans' History; had more re-enlisted veterans than any other regiment from Ohio, and saw as much hard service if not more and was in more battles than any regiment ever formed in Scioto County. In December, 1863, Captain Williams re-enlisted, and was with his command in all its various marches, campaigns and battles, and a full account of the regiment's services would include a general account of the war, especially in the Mississippi Valley and in the critical campaigns through Georgia and North and South Carolina and Tennessee. Captain Williams participated in the battles of New Madrid, Missouri, Island No. 10, Iuka and Corinth in Mississippi, Parker's Cross Roads in Tennessee, and was with Sherman's Command in all the engagements from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and also in the siege and capture of that city. Following the fall of Atlanta he accompanied Sherman's victorious army on the march to the sea, entered the City of Savannah on Christmas Day of 1864, thence proceeded through the Carolinas and was present at Johnston's surrender near Raleigh, arriving an hour before he surrendered. Captain Williams was then placed in charge of the regimental baggage and went by rail to Moorehead, North Carolina, thence by boat to Washington, and arrived in the capital in time to witness the grand review of the victorious hosts of the Union army. He went with his regiment to Louisville, Kentucky, and was honorably discharged in July, 1865, after having seen fully four years of active service. After the war Captain Williams enlisted in Company C of the Sixth Regiment of the Ohio

National Guards, and served for a number of years with the rank of captain.

The war over, Captain Williams went to Nile Township in Scioto County and spent about five years in managing a general store for Thomas Adamson. In 1877 he was elected county recorder and gave six years of capable and efficient management to that office. For several years he was a contractor on public works and held the office of deputy United States marshal under President Harrison for four years. He was also assistant sergeant of the Ohio State Senate for two terms. Captain Williams now lives retired.

On October 8, 1866, Captain Williams married Nancy Aroyse, who died in 1869. On March 4, 1877, he married Florence Humble. She was born at Bladensburg, Wapello County, Iowa, June 30, 1858. Her father, Sylvester J. Humble, was born in Adams County, Ohio, near Cedar Mills, a son of James Humble, who was a pioneer of Adams County, and improved a farm near Wamsleyville, on Turkey Creek, and lived there until his death. Sylvester J. Humble was reared and married in his native county, and in 1857 joined a colony bound for what was then considered the far west. There were twenty teams in line, and for twenty-six days the caravan journeyed slowly to the west and finally reached the new state of Iowa, locating in Wapello County. The greater portion of the state was then uninhabited and the land was sold by the Government at a price as low as $1.25 per acre. For a part of the year Mr. Humble was engaged in teaming to Keokuk, sixty miles distant, which was the nearest convenient market. He remained in Iowa two years, then returned to Southern Ohio and located in Nile Township of Scioto County. During the Civil war Sylvester Humble enlisted in the One Hundred and Fortieth Regiment of Ohio Infantry and served until his honorable discharge. His last days were spent in Portsmouth. Sylvester Humble married Melissa F. Mott, who was born in Adams County, Ohio, a daughter of Henry Mott, who was born in Pennsylvania, April 30, 1799. Henry Mott was a son of Robert Mott, who was probably a native of Pennsylvania, moved from there to the State of Illinois and became an early settler in the Mississippi River valley, in Hardin County, and lived there until his death. Mr. Mott was only a youth when the family moved to Illinois and at an early age left home and engaged in boating up and down the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, operating keel boats. Later he settled in Adams County, Ohio, and lived near Sandy Springs a few years, then came to Scioto County, bought land in lower Nile Township, twelve miles from Portsmouth, and after thirteen years as a farmer there sold out and returned to Hardin County, Illinois, lived there seven years and finally returned to Scioto County and lived in

Nile Township until his death on August 24, 1846. Henry Mott married Phebe Woodruff. She was born in Philadelphia, March 22, 1801, a daughter of Benjamin Franklin Woodruff, who was a native of Pennsylvania and served with the rank of lieutenant in the War of 1812. In 1817 Lieutenant Woodruff moved out to Ohio, accompanied by his family, making the entire journey overland with ox teams and wagons. The Woodruffs located near Sandy Springs in Adams County and that was his home until his death. His remains are buried in the Sandy Springs Cemetery. Lieutenant Woodruff married Jane Sheppard. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1776 and spent her last years in Adams County, Ohio. Henry Mott and wife reared nine children: Albina J., Albanus, Almira, Jasper, Melissa, Alvin, William, Phebe, and Clarissa.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of ten living children: Minnie I., Susan A., Hazel K., Huston S., Ethel I., Frank S., William J. S., Cary McKinley, Russell D. and Carol. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Portsmouth. Captain Williams is a member of the G. A. R. He was at one time commander of his post and at the same time was also commander of the Sons of Veterans.

Sampson D. Eckhart. By their votes in 1914 the people of Scioto County placed in the office of county auditor a man whose thorough fitness for official responsibility no one might successfully question. Until this new honor came to him, Mr. Eckhart had been an educator, in school work since the age of nineteen, and many of his early pupils helped elect him. He has almost as many personal friends over the county as he had votes in the election.

Sampson D. Eckhart was born on a farm in Madison Township February 16, 1876. His father is Jacob A. Eckhart, one of the county's substantial citizens, who was born in Ohio, August 7, 1843. Grandfather Jacob Eckhart, a native of Hanover, Germany, where he was reared and educated, came to America to win a home, crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel, and became an early resident of Jackson County. His wife was Mary Sherer, and they reared twelve of their family of fourteen children. Four of the sons, George, Adam, John and Jacob, all became soldiers and made good records in the Civil war.

Jacob A. Eckhart, one of the surviving veterans of the war, grew up on a farm in Madison Township, attended rural schools, and was still under age when hostilities broke out between the states. August 13, 1862, he enlisted in Company K of the Ninety-first Ohio Infantry, and going to the front, participated with his command in a number of campaigns and engagements. At Stevenson's Depot, Virginia, he was

severely wounded in the right hip. This fight occurred July 20, 1864, and he was sent to the Maryland Heights Hospital, where he remained three months. He never sufficiently recovered for active service, but was not discharged until May 6, 1865, at Cumberland, Maryland. Two years after his return home the bullet was extracted from his body, and it is now kept as a relic of the war. As soon as he was able to apply himself to the serious business of life, he bought forty acres adjoining the old homestead, and built a house which he occupied for a number of years. He finally removed to the old homestead to care for his parents, and eventually succeeded to its ownership. In 1900 he moved into Sciotoville, and in the same year was appointed village postmaster, an office he held for several years. In December, 1865, he married Jemima Bussler, a daughter of Samuel Bussler. The eight children of their marriage were: Daniel, who died when fourteen years old, the result of an accident; George, who died at the age of nineteen; John; Minnie, wife of J. W. Coriell; Maggie, deceased wife of Dr. Samuel Rickey; Sampson D.; Andrew J.; and Bertha.

Professor Eckhart takes much satisfaction in the fact that his youth was spent in the wholesome environment of the country. His schooling was begun in district schools, and advanced by attendance at the normal schools of both Scioto and Jackson counties. His career as a teacher began at the age of nineteen, and he has some interesting and pleasant recollections of his first term, taught at Glade in Scioto township of Jackson County. Then followed three years in the Shiner school in the same township, and the next year in the Providence school in the same locality. In 1900 he came to Portsmouth and for two years was connected with the Micklethwait school, and after that was continuously in charge of the New Boston school until he entered upon his duties at the court house.

In August, 1900, Mr. Eckhart married Stella Frances Gahm. She was born in Scioto Township of Jackson County, a daughter of Adam and Maggie Gahm. Mr. and Mrs. Eckhart have two daughters, Marie and Garnet.

Politically, Mr. Eckhart cast his first vote for Major McKinley, and has never wavered in his support of republican principles. He is a member of the General Jacob Camp No. 26, Sons of Veterans, and of Ives Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Harrisonville. His parents are members of the United Brethren Church, but he and his wife have membership in the Baptist denomination.

William B. Richardson. In his native city of Portsmouth, the metropolis of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, Mr. Richardson has been

engaged in the practice of law since 1895 and he has worthily and effectively achieved his secure place as one of the representative members of the bar of Scioto County, his father having become a resident of this county more than sixty years ago and the family name having been closely identified with the civic and material interests of the City of Portsmouth during the long intervening years.

William B. Richardson was born and reared in Portsmouth and the public schools of this city afforded him his early educational advantages. He is a son of James and Mary (Orme) Richardson, the latter of whom was born and reared in Scioto County, a daughter of John and Phylura (Hayward) Orme, concerning whom more definite mention is made on other pages of this publication. James Richardson was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, a son of Robert and Martha (McDonald) Richardson, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Scotland, the paternal ancestry likewise having been of Scottish origin. Robert Richardson and wife continued their residence in County Monaghan of the Emerald Isle until their death and his vocation was that of farming. James Richardson was reared and educated in his native land and there he wedded Miss Margaret Simmons, whose sister Jane became the wife of James Connolly, long a representative business man of Portsmouth, Ohio. Mrs. Richardson died in 1860, at Portsmouth.

In 1847 James Richardson and his wife immigrated to America, and on the voyage, which was made on a sailing vessel, they were accompanied by their four children. After having been on the ocean six weeks they landed in New York city on the 4th of July of that year. Soon afterward the family home was established at Lansingburg, Rensselaer County, that state, where Mr. Richardson found employment in a brush factory and where he remained until 1853, when he came with his family to Ohio, the journey to Cincinnati having been made by railroad and from that city transportation to Portsmouth, Scioto County, having been made by packet boat on the Ohio River. After providing a comfortable home in Portsmouth, James Richardson assumed the position of paymaster for his brother-in-law, James Connolly, previously mentioned, the latter having been at the time the civil engineer in charge of the construction of the Scioto & Hocking Valley Railroad. In 1856 Mr. Richardson engaged in the retail grocery business in Portsmouth, his establishment having been at the corner of Chillicothe and Fifth streets, and his ability, enterprise and honorable methods enabled him to achieve unqualified success in this business. As his financial resources increased he made judicious investments in city and farm property, and in 1875 he retired from the grocery business, after which he gave his attention to the supervision of his real estate and to the directing of the

affairs of his farms until his death, which occurred at Portsmouth in the year 1908. He was a man of strong personality, inflexible integrity and genial and buoyant disposition, so that he retained an inviolable place in the confidence and esteem of the community which represented his home for many years. After the death of his first wife was solemnized the marriage of James Richardson to Miss Mary Jane Orme, who still maintains her home at Portsmouth, the five children of the second marriage who are still living being James, Jr., Anna V., Florence A., William B., and Aldred H. The elder daughter, Anna V., is now the wife of John A. Ives.

William B. Richardson attended the public schools of Portsmouth until he had completed the curriculum of the high school, and in preparation for his chosen profession he entered the Cincinnati Law School, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1895 and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. From that time to the present he has been engaged in the general practice of his profession in Portsmouth, where he has long retained a substantial and representative clientage and where he has appeared in connection with much important litigation, his success affording the most effective voucher for his ability as an advocate and counselor and indicating also his possession of those sterling characteristics that ever beget popular confidence and esteem. He has an excellent law business and is one of the leading members of the Scioto County bar. On the 1st of January, 1914, he was appointed by the mayor, Adam Frick, as a director of public service.

From the time of attaining to his legal majority Mr. Richardson has accorded unfaltering allegiance to the democratic party, his first presidential vote having been cast in support of William Jennings Bryan. Though he has manifested no ambition for public office and considered his profession worthy of his undivided fealty, he has taken a loyal interest in public affairs and has given effective service in the furtherance of the principles of the political party with which he is identified. In a fraternal way Mr. Richardson is affiliated with Aurora Lodge, No. 48, Free & Accepted Masons; Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; and McPherson Council, No. 307, Royal Arcanum.

Hon. Anselm Tupper Holcomb. A man of versatile talents, and sound judgment, Hon. Anselm Tupper Holcomb, one of the foremost citizens of Portsmouth, has achieved marked success in many lines of endeavor, as a lawyer winning high prestige; as a business man being eminently successful; and as a public official using his influence at all times to promote the welfare of city, county and state. A native of Ohio, he was born November 19, 1845, in Vinton, Gallia County, a son of

John Ewing Holcomb, and grandson of Gen. Samuel R. Holcomb. His great grandfather, Zephaniah Holcombe, was born in Columbia County, New York, coming from honorable New England ancestry. He enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and died in the service in 1778.

Gen. Samuel R. Holcomb was born near Spencertown, Columbia County, New York. But an infant when his father entered the Revolutionary army, he went to live with his paternal grandparents, with whom he remained until eighteen years of age. Going then to Virginia, he settled in Greenbrier County, where he wooed and married Sarah Ewing. Following the march of civilization westward in 1800, he located in Gallia County, Ohio, a part of the Northwestern Territory. At that time all of the country west of the Ohio River was known as the Northwest Territory, and was inhabited by Indians, who, with the buffalo, wild turkeys, wolves, and bears roamed at will through the vast forests. A man of strong individuality, he soon became prominent in public affairs, serving as sheriff seventeen consecutive years, and also representing his district in 1825 and 1835 in the State Legislature. He continued a resident of Gallia County until his death, in the ninety-first year of his age. He served in the War of 1812, on the staff of General Tupper, and as a major-general of the State Militia. The maiden name of the wife of Gen. Samuel R. Holcomb was Sarah Ewing. She was born in Virginia, which was likewise the birthplace of her father, John Ewing. A lad of fourteen years at the time of the Clendenin massacre, he was taken prisoner by the Indians, held captive for many years, near Circleville, Ohio, and was afterwards known far and wide as Indian John Ewing. Late in life he came to Ohio, and spent his last years in Vinton, his body being laid to rest in the Vinton Cemetery. His wife's maiden name was Ann Smith. Mrs. Sarah (Ewing) Holcomb lived to the age of seventy years.

John Ewing Holcomb was reared and educated in Gallia County, where he carried on general farming until thirty-three years of age. Embarking then in mercantile pursuits at Vinton, he continued there until 1869, when he removed with his family to Butler, Bates County, Missouri, where having purchased land, he was engaged in the stock and real estate business until his death, in 1889, in the seventy-third year of his age. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Matthews, was born in Cheshire, Gallia County, Ohio, April 7, 1818, a daughter of Phineas Matthews, and grand-daughter of Aaron Matthews, a life-long resident of New England.

Phineas Matthews was born in 1770, reared and educated in Braintree, Massachusetts. Responding to the lure of the Wild West, he joined the second expedition of Gen. Rufus Putnam, and with him migrated

to the Northwest Territory, becoming one of the first settlers of Gallia County. He purchased from the Government land now included within the limits of Cheshire Township, Gallia County. Clearing a large tract, he became a most successful farmer, and one of the influential citizens of the place. He was tax collector of that part of Washington County. He lived on his homestead until his death, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was three times married; his second wife, Mr. Holcomb's maternal grandmother, Abigail Nobles, was a native of Massachusetts. By his first marriage Phineas Matthews had seven children; by his second marriage, six children; and by his last wife, two children. Mr. and Mrs. John Ewing Holcomb reared six children, namely: Phineas H.; Anselm T.; Eliza S., who married Richard Wilson; Sarah, wife of John C. Bybee; Charles M.; and Sumner C. All of these children are living now, in June, 1915. The mother survived her husband a few years, passing away in 1894, aged seventy-seven years.

Anselm Tupper Holcomb received his elementary education in the public schools of Vinton and Ewington, during his vacations and leisure time assisting his father in the store. Entering the Ohio University in 1863, he was there graduated in 1867. While pursuing his studies in that institution spent a part of his spare time reading law with Hon. Reed Golden, at Athens. After receiving his diploma, he continued his legal studies in the office of his uncle, Gen. Anselm Tupper Holcomb, in addition teaching school at Vinton and Rodney, in Gallia County, Ohio, and at Moorefield, Kentucky. Going to Bates County, Missouri, in 1868, Mr. Holcomb was admitted to the bar, and until 1875 was there engaged in the practice of his profession in partnership with Hon. William Page, the firm name being Page & Holcomb. The following four years he was associated with his brother Phineas in the law business.

Coming to Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1878, Mr. Holcomb formed a partnership with Hon. Albert C. Thompson, and under the firm name of Thompson & Holcomb was successfully engaged in the practice of his profession until 1881. In 1884 Mr. Holcomb became associated with James M. McGillivary and Judge A. C. Thompson and they opened offices in both Portsmouth and in Ironton. In the latter place Mr. Holcomb lived for nearly two years. From 1886 until 1891 Mr. Holcomb practiced alone, but was afterwards for three years in partnership with James M. Dawson, an able lawyer, the firm being Holcomb & Dawson On June 1, 1897, he formed a partnership with Frank B. Finney, with whom he was associated two years. An active and tireless worker, Mr. Holcomb has been quite successful in his various undertakings. While living in Bates County, Missouri, he made an abstract of title to all the lands in the county, and since coming to Portsmouth he has been among

the foremost in all things calculated to promote the growth and development of the city, and has been personally identified with many of the leading industries of this locality.

Mr. Holcomb was president of the Raccoon Coal & Fuel Company; a director in the Vinton Coal Company; a promoter, and the largest stockholder of the Buckeye Fire Brick & Clay Company; and was vice president and director of the Portsmouth Shoe Company. He is now president of the Portsmouth Veneer & Panel Company; of the Walker Veneer & Lumber Company of Mound City, Illinois; and recently of the Portsmouth-Radford Veneer Company of Radford, Virginia. He is a director of the Scioto Fire Brick Company; secretary of the Fluhart Coal & Mining Company, of Wellston, Ohio; president of the Buckhorn Coal Company of Lawrence County, Ohio; was one of the original stockholders of the Portsmouth Fire Brick Company and the Wagon Stock Company; one of the original promoters and director of the Portsmouth Street Railway & Light Company; and also a promotor and director of the Portsmouth Telephone Company. He is interested in the coal business in Missouri, and he is also a director of the Middle Creek Coal Company and the Purity Cannel Coal Company, both near Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and of the Carroll Vehicle Company of Portsmouth.

To the multiplicity of enterprises with which Mr. Holcomb is now identified, he gives personal attention. He bought, in 1896, all the lands of the "Scioto Furnace Company," about 7,500 acres. He still retains over 3,000 acres of these lands. His sales were made to small investors for farms. As administrator of the estate of George Davis, deceased, he sold nearly 3,000 acres of "The Jackson Furnace Lands," in Jackson County, Ohio.

Mr. Holcomb was for a number of years president of the Board of Trade. While so acting, he inaugurated the movement to purchase several tracts of land adjoining Portsmouth on the east. These lands were purchased by donations from the citizens, and the title to same was vested in Mr. Holcomb, as trustee. It required hard work, and involved quite a heavy responsibility. The lands were platted and lots sold, the surplus being used to induce new manufactures to locate in our city. It proved a great success, and with it began an era of great prosperity to Portsmouth, which has not since abated. He purchased and laid off the First and Second Additions of what is known as the Hill-top Additions to Portsmouth. He and three others laid out the Kendall Addition to Portsmouth, and with Captain Skelton and Michael Stanton he purchased the Rhodes farm, and laid off the Village of New Boston. Grace Street is named for his wife. He also laid off and platted Scioto Furnace, Union Mills, and The Breare-Holcomb Addition to Vinton, Ohio.

Hon. Nelson W. Evans, leading attorney of Portsmouth, in his history of Scioto County, speaks of Mr. Holcomb in the following high terms: "It is common-place to say Mr. Holcomb is a good lawyer. He is much more. He is a fluent and able advocate. He is courteous to all with whom he comes in contact, and is willing to accord to every man all he is entitled to. He is kind and sympathetic, and these traits in him are all taken advantage of. He is wonderfully enthusiastic in everything he undertakes. He is ever courageous and hopeful, and no more public-spirited citizen ever resided in Portsmouth. He favors every project for the public good, and possesses confidence in everything he undertakes, and inspires it in others."

He has been admitted to practice, and has practiced law in all the courts, state and federal, except the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Holcomb has had many important trusts confided to his care. In 1893 he became the assignee of the Citizens Savings Bank, and in 1894 was made administrator of the estate of the late George Davis. These large estates have been fully settled.

A stanch republican in politics, he was a delegate in 1876 to the National Convention, and has served as a delegate to many state and district conventions. In 1891 he was elected as a representative to the State Legislature, where he served as a member of the Judiciary Committee, and on the Committee on Municipalities. He declined a re-election.

On October 14, 1876, Mr. Holcomb was united in marriage with Grace L. Breare, who was born in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Her father, Rev. Robinson Breare, was born and reared in Yorkshire, England, of English ancestry on both sides of the house. Uniting in early life with the Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church, he became a minister in that denomination, and held pastorates in both Liverpool and Manchester, England, and in Edinburg, Scotland. Coming to America, he located in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he changed his theological views, becoming a preacher in the Universalist denomination. He subsequently settled in Massachusetts, and held pastorates in Boston, Marblehead and Haverhill. Moving from the latter city to Cincinnati, he was for some time connected with a Universalist paper, the Star in the West, and was later pastor of the Universalist Church at Gallipolis. Retiring from the ministry Mr. Breare bought a home at Wellsville, Vinton County, and there lived until his death, in 1882, at the age of seventy-two years. He married Elizabeth Clarke, who was born in Lancaster, England, where her father, Rev. George Clarke, a preacher in the Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church, was a life-long resident. She died in 1874, leaving two children, Elizabeth and Grace L. Mr. and

Mrs. Holcomb have two children, Anselm T., Jr., a graduate of the University of Virginia; and Robinson Breare. Mr. Holcomb has for twenty-seven years been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Portsmouth Public Library and is now its president. Fraternally he is a member of Aurora Lodge, No. 48, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; of Calvary Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar; of Portsmouth Lodge, No. 154, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of Massic Lodge, No. 115, Knights of Pythias.

Hon. Arthur John Hannan. The vocation of railroading has attracted many young men when starting out in life, and has proven a field rich in opportunities for those who are willing to scorn hardships, face dangers and prove fidelity to the systems by which they are employed. The engineer knows that on his judgment, formed in the fraction of a second, the fate of his train may depend. The engineer's position is not the top of the ladder, though no place in the world's work has greater responsibilities. Firing and running a locomotive constitute one of the best vocations to develop a man's best qualities. It is not unusual, therefore, to find men holding high positions in business and public life who began their careers as hostlers and firemen. In this category is found Arthur John Hannan, mayor of Ironton, who but a few years back was to be found balancing himself on the rocking floor of the tender, tossing coal into the insatiable firebox, and subsequently handled the throttle of a powerful locomotive. Although now retired from railroading, owing to an accident which all railroad men may be called upon to face, Mayor Hannan has not forgotten the discipline of his early training, nor the value of the judgment which it brought.

Arthur John Hannan was born July 26, 1880, at Ironton, Ohio, and is a son of John and Katie (Campbell) Hannan. His father was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, November 11, 1859, and is now the oldest conductor on the D. T. & I. Railroad, having been in actual service since 1878 and during this time has had but one accident. Mrs. Hannan was born at Ironton, in 1864, and has been the mother of seven children, as follows: Arthur John, Carl C., Louis, Clarence, Raymond, Marjorie and Elsie.

Until fifteen years of age Arthur John Hannan attended the public and high schools of Ironton, and at that age secured a clerkship in the office of the Iron Railroad, where he remained six months, thus securing his introduction to railroading. For three months thereafter he was a tie inspector at the elevator of the same company, and then became a locomotive fireman, remaining with the Iron Railroad for 3½ years

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in that capacity. Firemen as a rule are picked men, and have to be, for theirs is the most tremendous physical task of all, the increasing grate-area of fireboxes of big engines having brought the limit of their effort distressingly close. Mr. Hannan, during the time he stood on the heaving, pitching steel deck in front of the furnace door, showed he had the muscle and endurance necessary to shovel from 15 to 20 tons of coal in 8 to 12 hours, and when his term as fireman was completed, in 1897, he was given an engine on the D. T. & I. Railroad. There he continued at the throttle until 1910, when in a head-on collision, at Sand Cut, 1¼ miles north of Ironton, he lost one of his legs and was compelled to retire from the service. He was ill for seven months, and when he recovered was elected justice of the peace of Lawrence County, in 1911. During the two years that he thus acted he displayed his official and executive ability so well that in the fall elections of 1913 he was elected mayor of Ironton, taking office January 2, 1914. He has proved himself a capable executive, and is giving the people of his community a sane, progressive and business-like administration. Although his time is given unreservedly to his official duties, Mayor Hannan is interested in the business growth and welfare of his city, and is interested in the Marting Iron & Steel Co. and in the Etna Building and Loan Association of Ironton, of which he is also a director. He continues to maintain membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order United American Workmen. With his family, he attends the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

On September 19, 1900, Mr. Hannan was married at Ironton to Miss Lettie Wilson, daughter of John Wilson, of this city, and four children have been born to this union, namely: Gerald, Arthur John, Jr., Clarence and William.

John M. Wendelken. One of the most familiar names in business affairs at Portsmouth is Wendelken, and the family has had substantial relations with the community in various lines for many years.

John M. Wendelken, whose business is a retail grocer, manufacturer and in other lines has made him prominent in the city for many years, was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, August 26, 1850. His village was Wenkelmer in the District of Ottersberg. His father, Martin Wendelken, was born in the same village in 1823. The grandfather was a lifelong resident there and was identified with the transportation business on the Hanoverian canals. He reared four sons and three daughters. All these sons moved to America, namely: Gerd, George, John and Martin, and all settled in Marietta, Ohio. George was a car-

penter and followed his trade throughout his active career. Gerd was in merchandising at Marietta and lived there until his death. John also conducted a store there a number of years and subsequently was in the flour mill business and after the war went West and spent his last days as a farmer in Dakota Territory.

Martin Wendelken was reared and educated in his native land and learned the trade of carpenter. On arriving at military age he joined the army, and in 1850 was granted an unlimited furlough and accompanied by his wife and three children came to America. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel, which encountered many storms, and several months elapsed before it landed its passengers at New Orleans. The Wendelken family came by way of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers as far as Marietta, where Martin Wendelken worked at his trade until after the war and was then in the retail grocery business. In this his success finally brought him to the rank of a wholesale grocer, and he conducted business as one of the leading merchants of Marietta until his death in 1902. Martin Wendelken married Adaline Kueck, who was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1825, the daughter of a farmer. She died in 1896. Her six children were Anna, John M., Henry J., Mary, Julia and William.

John M. Wendelken was but nine weeks of age when his parents started for America. His early life was therefore altogether spent in Marietta, where he was educated in the public schools. When only a boy he began assisting his father in the store, learned all the details of the grocery trade, and after reaching manhood moved to Portsmouth. In 1874 he became identified with the grocery business at the foot of Second Street and built up an immense trade and was successfully identified with that line until 1901. Selling out, he was for some time interested in the manufacture of shoes, served two terms as a member of the board of public service, but at the present time is engaged in the life and fire insurance business.

In September, 1873, Mr. Wendelken married Ottilia Brodbeck. She was born in Portsmouth. Her father, Vincent Brodbeck, was born in Germany, January 17, 1817, a son of Anthony Brodbeck. When eight years of age Vincent lost his mother, was bound out to live and serve in the home of an uncle, where he received little schooling but much ill treatment, and finally lost his health. When fourteen he hired out to work by the season, and in 1835, at the age of eighteen, accompanied his father and other members of the family to the United States. The voyage lasted for fifty days on the sailing vessel Bolivar. They finally landed at New Orleans in November, where Vincent was employed for a time at the carpenter's trade at $1.75 a day. On March 1, 1836, they

moved up the river to Natchez, where he worked a month on a railroad. The family then continued its migration with Troy, New York, as its destination, where an elder brother had been living for eighteen months. As they proceeded it was learned that canal communication was interrupted, and the family were thus obliged to stop at Portsmouth. There, on the advice of Vincent, they concluded to remain. Vincent Brodbeck worked for two weeks with the firm of McDowell, Davis & Company, and until the following August was in Gaylord's rolling mill. His father then persuaded him to take charge of a boarding house, and in 1838 he opened a grocery store and for more than forty years was its proprietor, finally retiring from business in June, 1881. At that time he sold out to John M. Wendelken, who continued the enterprise so that under their united management it had existed for more than sixty years. Vincent Brodbeck was married November 2, 1838, to Ottilia Mees, a native of Germany. Their three children were: Elizabeth B., Rosa Ellen and Ottilia, the wife of John M. Wendelken. Mrs. Wendelken died August 3, 1914. She was the mother of four children: Anna, Rose, Nellie and Charles W. The daughter Anna is the wife of Frank E. Kiefer, now assistant cashier of the Central National Bank of Portsmouth, and they have a daughter Grace. Mr. Wendelken is a member of the Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, with which his wife was also identified, and their family were reared in the same faith.

Charles W. Wendelken, M. D. A son of the old established and business man of Portsmouth, whose career has been sketched in preceding paragraphs, Dr. Charles W. Wendelken has been engaged for the past five years in the practice of medicine and surgery, and now has a successful place in his profession at Portsmouth.

Doctor Wendelken was born at Portsmouth, a son of John M. and Ottilia (Brodbeck) Wendelken, and acquired his early education by attending the public schools. In 1904 he graduated from Baldwin and Wallace College at Berea, and then entered the medical department of the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, and took his degree Doctor of Medicine from that institution in 1908. His training was broadened by one year of service as interne in the Lakeside Hospital at Cleveland, after which he returned to Portsmouth and has been rapidly acquiring position as a rising young physician and surgeon. Doctor Wendelken is affiliated with Aurora Lodge, No. 48, A. F. & A. M., and with River City Camp, No. 29, Woodmen of the World. He is an esteemed member of the Scioto County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and is secretary of the Scioto County Anti-Tuberculosis League.

H. Stanley McCall. One of the younger able attorneys of the Scioto County bar, H. Stanley McCall represents the present active generation of a family that has been identified with this section of Ohio since pioneer times, and is the son of the well known Dr. Edgar O. McCall, long one of the prominent physicians of Portsmouth.

H. Stanley McCall was born in South Webster, Scioto County, Ohio, October 22, 1888. His father, Dr. Edgar O. McCall, was born also at South Webster. The founder of the family in Ohio was great-grandfather Michael McCall, who according to the best information obtainable, was a native of the North of Ireland and of Scotch ancestry. Accompanying his parents he came to America and lived for a time at Pennsylvania, became one of the early settlers in Adams County, Ohio, and buying timbered land near Jacktown did a great deal of hard pioneer labor in converting that portion of the wilderness into a cultivated farm. That was his home until his death. He reared four sons, John Michael, Alexander and Hugh, and three daughters. Hugh McCall, grandfather of the Portsmouth attorney, was born in Adams County, Ohio, was reared there and became a collier and was employed at various furnaces in Adams, Gallia, Jackson and Scioto counties. His last years were spent at South Webster, where his death occurred at the age of fifty-six. Hugh McCall married Margaret Bennett, who was born in Bloom Township. Her father, Gilbert Bennett, was born also in Bloom Township on a farm, where his parents were pioneers. As a young man Gilbert Bennett moved to Gallia County, engaged in merchandising a few years at Symmes Creek, then returned to Bloom Township and spent the remainder of his days as an industrious farmer. Gilbert Bennett married Mary James, who was of Virginia ancestry. Margaret (Bennett) McCall died at the age of sixty-five, and reared nine of her twelve children as follows: Elizabeth, Asaph, John J., Mary, Sarah, Margaret, Alexander, Dr. Edgar O. and Stella.

Dr. Edgar O. McCall was for many years successfully identified with the school profession before taking up medicine. His early education was acquired in the schools of South Webster, after which he was a student in the National Normal University at Lebanon, and then took up teaching. His first term was taught at the Pinkerman schoolhouse in Bloom Township, and subsequently was teacher at Elm Tree schoolhouse in Nile Township and later at South Webster. His work as a school man continued twelve years. This occupation gave him opportunity for preparation in medicine, and he was a student under Dr. Edward Newell and in the class of 1890 was graduated from the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland. His first practice was done at Centerville in Gallia County, and that was his home for ten years. Since

then he has been one of the honored and highly successful physicians and surgeons of Portsmouth.

Doctor McCall was married in 1886 into one of the oldest and most prominent families of Southern Ohio. His wife's maiden name is Josephine Brady. She was born in Bloom Township of Scioto County. Her father, David Brady, was born in the same township, and her grandfather was Levi Brady, a son of William Brady, one of the first settlers in Scioto County, who is said to have built the first house on the present site of Portsmouth. The Brady family lived only a short time along the river on account of the malaria which was prevalent in early times, and then sought a more healthful location in Bloom Township. In that locality Levi Brady hewed a farm out of the heavy forests, and lived there until his death on January 5, 1862, at the age of sixty-five years. Levi Brady married Emily Enslow, who was born in Pennsylvania March 19, 1801. Her father, Captain David Enslow, was probably a native of Pennsylvania, moved from that state to Ohio in 1801, the same year in which Ohio became a state, and a few years later settled in Scioto County near Wheelersburg, where he was one of the first men of affairs. He served as a captain in the War of 1812. David Brady, father of Mrs. Dr. McCall, grew up on a farm, and eventually succeeded to the ownership of a portion of the old homestead. Besides farming, his activities extended to merchandising for a number of years, and all his life was spent in Bloom Township, with the exception of the two and a half years he spent in California, where he went in 1849. David Brady married Sarah Beebe. Her father, David Beebe, was a native of Connecticut, located in Lawrence County, Ohio, was a teacher and lawyer, and some years later moved to Arkansas and spent his last days in that state. His wife, whose name was Sarah Trowbridge, was a native of Pennsylvania, and after the death of her husband returned to Ohio and lived till death in Bloom Township.

Doctor McCall is a member of the Hempstead Medical Society. He and his wife attend the Trinity Methodist Church at Portsmouth. Their five children are: H. Stanley, David Hill, Edgar Orville, Ethel and Stella.

H. Stanley McCall has spent most of his life in Portsmouth, is a graduate of the high school, and acquired his professional education in the University of Michigan, graduating from the law department in 1911. Since then he has been in active practice in Portsmouth and has succeeded in establishing himself securely in legal circles in that city. In the fall of 1911 he was elected city solicitor, and was re-elected in the fall of 1913. His fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent and Pro-

tective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He attends the Trinity Methodist Church.

JOHN WESLEY BYRON. The career of John W. Byron has for many years been a vital part of the life and progress of his home city of Portsmouth, where he is now serving as a justice of the peace. Mr. Byron has lived in this section of Ohio since his birth and has won advancement in community esteem and material prosperity until he is now one of the best known citizens.

John Wesley Byron was born on a farm in Pike County, Ohio, March 8, 1868. His father was Jacob Byron, born in the same township, a son of Nicholas Byron, who was born in the Kingdom of Bavaria, where the name was spelled Biron. Nicholas Byron was reared and married in his native land, and then emigrated to America accompanied by his family, and found a home in Union Township of Pike County. He bought a tract of timbered land and literally hewed a home from out the wilderness, and lived there until his death at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. He was one of the true pioneers of Pike County and a man whose work and influence were substantial factors in the improvement of that community. His wife died several years before him. They reared seven children named John, William, Jacob, Henry, Harriet, Mary and Margaret. Jacob Byron was reared on a farm in Pike County, and has spent a long and active career as a farmer, being now retired and still living on a farm in Union Township. This farm was his wife's inheritance. Jacob Byron married Nancy A. Givens, who was born in Pike County, where her parents, Samuel and Polly Givens, were pioneers. Jacob Byron and wife reared children, as follows: John Wesley, Lillie and Lydia, twins, Riah, Nancy, Henry and Pauline.

John Wesley Byron grew up in the country, attended a district school in Pike County, and by accepting all the opportunities that came his way qualified for work as a teacher and spent six years in the schoolrooms of Pike County. In 1893 Mr. Byron moved to Portsmouth, and for the following seven years was employed by the Selby Shoe Company and then for four years was with the Heer Shoe Company. In 1907 Mr. Byron was elected to the office of justice of the peace and was re-elected in 1911. He has shown unusual capacity in that office and is a popular as well as useful citizen.

In 1889 Mr. Byron married Emma L. Gordon. She was born in Pike County, Ohio, and her father, Charles M. Gordon, was born in Marion Township of that county, February 6, 1839, a son of William V. Gordon, whose birth occurred in the state of New Jersey in 1804. William V. Gordon in 1816 was brought out to Ohio, and was one of the

pioneers of Pike County. In that county he was married in 1828 to Maria Beauchamp, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Prettyman) Beauchamp, recognized as among the old and substantial families of Southern Ohio. William V. Gordon lived in Pike County until his death in 1860. The son, Charles M. Gordon, lived at home until grown to manhood, and then bought a farm of one hundred and ten acres in Marion Township and occupied that land until his death. Charles M. Gordon married Harriet James, daughter of John James. Mrs. Byron died February 5, 1914. There were three children: Hattie L., Mildred A. and Harold. Mr. Byron is an active member of the Trinity Methodist Church, which his wife also attended, and is a member of the Bible Class and active in church affairs. He is affiliated with Portsmouth Lodge, No. 41, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Portsmouth, Chapter No. 11, American Insurance Union, and of River City Camp, No. 29, Woodmen of the World.

William Seymour Walker. Among the prominent citizens whom Portsmouth has been called upon to mourn during the past few years, none have been more genuinely missed than William Seymour Walker, a man of great heart and strong character, whom it was a privilege to know, either in the business world or in social circles. A native of New York State, he was born March 18, 1861, in the City of Buffalo. He received his early education in the public schools of Chicago, where his parents located when he was a small child. After the terrible conflagration that destroyed that city, in October, 1871, he went with the family to Milwaukee, where he and his sister completed their studies.

At the age of eighteen years, with the confidence and self-reliant spirit characteristic of one possessing his keen ability and enterprise, he began the battle of life on his own account, first as a bookkeeper, and later as an expert accountant. Preferring a more active career, he visited various cities of the Union as a commercial traveler. Coming to Portsmouth, Ohio, on one of his trips, Mr. Walker was so favorably impressed with the city and its future prospects that he made up his mind to locate here permanently. In 1887, therefore, he secured a position as bookkeeper with the firm then known as the Goldsmith & Rapp Veneer Company. Thoroughly efficient and industrious, and much interested in advancing the interests of his employers, he was promoted from time to time, and in 1900 became general manager of the entire business now known as the Portsmouth Veneer & Panel Company. He was also founder and president of the Walker Veneer & Lumber Company of Mound City, Iowa, which is a stock company. He ably and satisfactorily filled the responsible position, winning the

respect and good will of all with whom he came in contact. Early in October, 1911, Mr. Walker, who was suffering from a malady which nothing but skilful surgery could relieve, went, accompanied by his faithful wife, to Cleveland to consult an eminent surgeon, and died in that city on November 5, 1911, news of his death coming as a shock and a profound sorrow, not only to his family and friends, but to his associates and to the public in general.

Many expressions of sympathy were tendered Mrs. Walker and her family in their great affliction, not only from personal and business friends, but from fraternal, industrial, financial and other associations with which Mr. Walker was connected, including Portsmouth Camp No. 3993, Modern Woodmen of America, the Employers' Association of Portsmouth, Ohio, and the Central National Bank of Portsmouth.

The funeral services of Mr. Walker, held at his home in Portsmouth, November 7, 1911, were attended by many of his business associates, some of whom came from many miles away, from distant towns and nearby states, all desirous of paying the last mark of respect to a man whose influence for good will long be felt throughout Central Ohio. He was a man of keen intellect; wise in council; firm in his convictions, yet gracious in yielding to the will of others; and true as steel in his integrity. In his domestic life, which was one of rare happiness, there were the more sacred and tender qualities that are too hallowed to be spoken by other than household lips. Of Mr. Walker it can truly be said,

> "His life was gentle, and the elements
> So mixed in him, that nature might stand up
> And say to all the world, this was a man."

Mr. Walker married, on August 14, 1889, Miss Effie May Petrie, of whom a brief sketch may be found on another page of this volume, and into the household thus established three children were born, namely, Paul Norton, Harold Holcomb and Sarah Louise.

Mrs. Effie May Walker. A woman of pleasing personality, energetic and eminently capable, Mrs. Effie May Walker, vice president of the Portsmouth Veneer & Panel Company, is well known in the business and social life of her home city, being ever mindful of her official duties, and never neglectful of the pleasant demands of society and friends. She was born near Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, a daughter of James Petrie, Jr., and is the widow of the late William Seymour Walker, for many years a prominent and much-beloved citizen of Portsmouth.

Mrs. Walker's paternal grandfather, James Petrie, Sr., was born and bred in Scotland, and there married. Immigrating with his family

to the United States, coming with a colony of brave Scotchmen, he settled in Pike County, Ohio, near Jasper, and having purchased land, was there engaged in agricultural pursuits during his remaining days, he and his wife both dying on the home farm. They were the parents of two children, James and Charles.

James Petrie, Jr., was born at Patrick, a suburb of Glasgow, Scotland, and was but a lad when brought to Ohio by his parents. He grew to man's estate in Pike County, and in 1862 enlisted in Company A, Fifty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Going South with his regiment, he took part in many of the more important engagements of the war, including among others the battle of Monterey, Tennessee, and the engagements at Corinth, Chickasaw Bayou, Black River, Mission Ridge, and in the numerous skirmishes occurring while en route to Atlanta. He was at the front in the siege of Atlanta, and took part in the battles at Jonesboro, Fort McAlester and at North Edisto River. Being honorably discharged with his regiment at the close of the conflict, Mr. Petrie returned to his home in Pike County, Ohio, and there resumed farming. Removing later to Ross County, he remained there two years, and then again returned to Pike County, settling on a farm located about two miles from Jasper. He was soon apointed postmaster at Jasper, and retained the position until his death, at the age of seventy-three years.

The maiden name of the wife of James Petrie, Jr., the mother of Mrs. Walker, was Louisa Frances Ashton. She was born in New Richmond, Ohio, a daughter of Joseph Ashton, Jr., and granddaughter of Joseph Ashton, Sr., who was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Walker. Joseph Ashton, Sr., served as a soldier in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war, his record as given in the archives of Pennsylvania being as follows: He was commissioned second lieutenant of the Second Regiment of Artillery, commanded by Col. John H. Lamb; on January 23, 1777, he was promoted to first lieutenant and adjutant; on May —, 1778, he was transferred to the Pennsylvania Artillery Regiment, under Col. Thomas Proctor; April 19, 1781, he was promoted to the rank of captain; and on January 1, 1783, was made paymaster. He marched with Arnold to Quebec, where he was taken prisoner. He continued a member of the militia after the close of the Revolution, and fought the Indians in the Northwest Territory. He lived to a ripe old age, dying in 1816.

Joseph Ashton, Jr., Mrs. Walker's grandfather, was born at Oldtown, Pennsylvania, near New Castle, and in his youthful days served an apprenticeship at the trade of a steamboat builder in Pittsburgh. In 1847, having completed his trade, he came to Ohio, and for eight years

lived in New Richmond. In 1855 he embarked in the feed business at Portsmouth, being in partnership with his brother-in-law, Milton Kennedey, for a year. He was afterwards in company with Henry Dinsmore as a bottler of mineral waters. During the progress of the Civil war he removed to Ross County, Ohio, which was his home for ten years. In 1864 he was appointed treasury clerk, and sent South, being stationed at Vicksburg and other points, and at one time while thus employed was captured by the enemy at Goodrich's Landing, Louisiana. Returning from the South, Mr. Ashton lived in Pike and Ross counties a few years, and then assumed charge of the City Hospital in Portsmouth, an office which he filled for a number of years, being quite successful as superintendent of the institution. From 1878 until 1891 he was justice of the peace in Wayne Township. Resigning the position, he moved to Sinking Spring, Highland County, where he resided until his death.

Joseph Ashton, Jr., married Matilda Kennedey, a native of Pennsylvania, and among their children was a daughter named Louisa Frances, who became the wife of James Petrie, Jr. Mrs. Louisa Frances (Ashton) Petrie died at the early age of twenty-six years, leaving five children, namely: Effie May, Jessie, Flora, Harry Victor and Martha. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Petrie married for his second wife Helen McGregor, a native of Scotland, and to them three children were born, namely: George, Charles and Cecil.

Effie May Petrie received excellent educational advantages when young, and at the age of twenty-three years became the wife of the late William Seymour Walker, of whom a brief biography is given on another page of this volume. Mrs. Walker is vice president of the Portsmouth Veneer & Panel Company, as previously mentioned, and is president of the New Century Club and of the Country Club. She is a member of the Bigelow Methodist Episcopal Church, and has reared her children, Paul N., Harold H. and Sara L., in the same faith.

Hon. William Davis Tremper. One of the older residents of Portsmouth, Dr. William D. Tremper has been identified with his profession as a dentist in this city more than forty years, and is now representing the Seventh Senatorial District in the State Legislature. He has been a man of such activity in public affairs as to require no special introduction to the people of Scioto County.

William Davis Tremper was born at New Richmond, Clermont Township, Ohio, May 9, 1851. He is of colonial and revolutionary ancestry, and the following brief account of the Tremper genealogy is taken from that authentic work, Munsell's American Ancestry, Vol. II.

The first American of the name was Jacob Tremper, a native of Germany, who settled in the Colony of New York about 1713. The name of his wife was Christina Welker. Their son, Jacob Tremper, who was born in Germany about 1712, was a soldier in the New York militia in 1738. He married Anna Maria Peffer, a daughter of Michael and Anna Maria (Hoffman) Peffer.

Michael Tremper, a son of the above, and representing the third generation in America, was born in New York March 13, 1745, and was admitted as a freeman in that colony in 1769. After New York City was evacuated by the American troops in 1776, he removed with his family to Fishkill, and served with the Dutchess County militia during the war. He was married March 15, 1767, to Louisa Van Deusen, daughter of Daniel and Leah (Hertje) Van Deusen.

Their son, Daniel Tremper, grandfather of Dr. William D. Tremper, was born in New York April 15, 1770, was reared and married in his native state, and lived there until about 1815, when he became one of the early settlers of Ohio. His location was at Walnut Hills. At that time Cincinnati was only a village, and Walnut Hills farming and grazing land. A few years later, having sold his interests there, he removed to Clermont County, bought land and engaged in farming until his death on March 20, 1833. He was married May 16, 1791, to Ariette Keiffer.

Johnson Tremper, a son of Daniel, was born in Esopus, New York, February 9, 1809, and was a very small boy when brought to Ohio. In this state he learned the trade of chairmaker, at a time when chairs and other furniture were made by hand. He established a shop and did quite a business in this line, and shipped large quantities of chairs down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers on flatboats to the southern cities. Johnson Tremper continued business in New Richmond and remained a resident of that town until his death. He married Laura Jeffries, who was born in New York, a daughter of John Chapman and Deborah (Starkweather) Jeffries, her maternal grandfather having been Samuel Starkweather. Johnson Tremper and wife reared six children, named Alma, Louise, Delia, William D., Robert H. and Allan.

William D. Tremper acquired his early education in the public schools of New Richmond, and later was a student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He began the study of dentistry under Doctor Mollyneaux at New Richmond, and continued his professional preparation in the Ohio Dental College at Cincinnati, graduating in 1872. For several years, until 1878, he was engaged in practice at Ypsilanti, Michigan, and since then has been a resident of Portsmouth and for many years was in active practice. Doctor Tremper was one of the organizers

of the Royal Savings & Loan Company at Portsmouth, and since that time has been secretary of the organization and gives much of his time and attention to this institution.

On December 6, 1880, Doctor Tremper married Mary Todd Hayman. She was born at Newport, Kentucky, and comes of an old southern family. Her father was Hon. Richard Henry Hayman, born in Newport June 6, 1826, a son of Isaiah Tilden and Elizabeth (Tarvin) Hayman. Elizabeth Tarvin was a daughter of Richard Tarvin. Both the Haymans and Tarvins were old Virginia families. Richard H. Hayman acquired his education in the public schools of Newport and Covington, Kentucky, and his father, who was a dry goods merchant, set him up in business at Letart Falls, in Meigs County, Ohio. Eighteen months later he went out to Missouri, where his father had established a store, remained there a year and a half, and on account of ill health returned to Ohio. On recovering, he engaged in the dry goods business at Newport, and for eighteen years was one of the successful merchants of that city. Failing health again caused his removal, and after selling out he located in Scioto County, bought a farm in the Scioto bottoms about five miles north of the courthouse at Portsmouth. This farm was his home a few years, and in 1882 he came into Portsmouth and built a handsome residence on a hillside overlooking the city, and remained there until his death. Richard H. Hayman was prominent in public affairs and a democrat in politics. He served as city clerk and member of the council at Newport, and in 1877 was elected to the Ohio State Legislature and had an active part in the proceedings of that body. He also served for several years as tax commissioner for Scioto County. He was twice married. The maiden name of his first wife was Elizabeth Fairman, daughter of Dr. Loyal Fairman. She died May 9, 1863. His second wife was Mrs. Ellen Sharpless, who died June 3, 1890. The two children of the first marriage were Mary Todd, Mrs. Tremper; and Floyd, who died at the age of twenty-two.

Mr. and Mrs. Tremper are the parents of four children: Richard H.; Laura F., wife of Charles H. Blakemore; William J.; and Hugh H. The son Richard graduated from the University of Michigan with the degree A. B., spent some time in travel in Europe with his grandfather, then studied art for two years, and after two years as a teacher in the Portsmouth High School is now taking postgraduate work at Ann Arbor. William J., the second son, is a graduate of the Portsmouth High School and the dental department of the University of Michigan, and is now in active practice at Portsmouth. Hugh, the youngest son, after finishing the Portsmouth High School, entered the University of Michigan.

Doctor Tremper is affiliated with Aurora Lodge No. 48, A. F. & A. M.; with Solomon Council No. 79, R. & S. M.; with Mount Vernon Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; and with Calvary Commandery No. 13, K. T. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth. Doctor Tremper's first presidential vote was cast for U. S. Grant, and he has been a stanch supporter of the republican party ever since. It was his recognized public spirit and his thorough qualifications as a business man that led the people of the Seventh District to support him for the office of state senator.

GREEN S. NEARY. One of the honored citizens of the Hanging Rock Iron Region is Green S. Neary, who is now living retired in Portsmouth. His experience covers a period spent as a soldier of the Union, as a hard-working and capable farmer and business man and useful citizen in all the varied relations of life.

He was born in Harrisonville, Scioto County, March 12, 1844, and has seen more than threescore and ten years of life. His father, Matthew Neary, was born in Roscommon County, Ireland, in 1804. Left an orphan when young, some years later he came to America, being six weeks on a sailing vessel before landing in New York, and in that state found work along the canal. Coming here an entire stranger in a strange land, he had his own destiny to make from the first, his willing hands his only capital. He was married near Geneva in New York and about 1834 came to Ohio, making the journey by canal and river. At Harrisonville he was employed at different work, and his industry and thrift enabled him to make a good account of his time. Finally, he bought a farm on the Little Scioto in Harrison Township, near Harrison Mills, and devoted his time to its cultivation and made his home there until about a year before his death, when he found a home with his son Green. His death occurred when eighty-seven years old.

Matthew Neary married Sarah Ann Van Gorder, a native of New York State. James Van Gorder, her father, who is thought to have been a native of the same state and of Holland ancestry, moved to Ohio about 1834, accompanied by his family. The trip was made with wagon and teams, and it was several weeks before they arrived at their destination at Harrisonville. There he built a frame house and opened it for the entertainment of the public, and for several years it was a popular place for travelers. His death occurred at the old home in Scioto County in 1853. James Van Gorder married Rebecca Coryell, who was born in New York State June 2, 1814, and survived her husband a few years. Mrs. Matthew Neary died October 20, 1901. Her five children were Henry, Sarah Ann, Lewis, Daniel and Green S.

Green S. Neary had the usual experiences of the farmer boy in the decade prior to the war, and gained an education in the rural schools. In July, 1862, at the age of eighteen, he enlisted in the Ninety-first Regiment of Ohio Infantry, and was with the regiment in all its battles, campaigns and marches until the latter part of July, 1864. On July 24th he was captured when near Winchester, and as a prisoner of war was confined first at Danville, Virginia, and later became an inmate of the notorious Libby Prison. At the end of eight months, and when the war was drawing to a close, he was paroled with the understanding that he was to be exchanged at the end of thirty days. Returning home and awaiting the stated time, he then rejoined his regiment at Winchester, and continued in the service until his honorable discharge in June, 1865, having been in the army and prison almost three years.

Returning home, he helped his father a time and then began contracting for the building of bridges, roads, etc. In 1889 Mr. Neary bought a farm in Harrison Township, and later acquired the home place of 160 acres at Harrison Furnace. After living there until 1893 he sold, and bought the Judge Crull farm in the same township. That was the scene of his active labors until 1911, at which date he came to Portsmouth and has since lived retired, enjoying the fruits of a long and well-spent career.

Mr. Neary first married Hester A. Tibbs, who was born in West Virginia, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Tibbs. She died in 1869, having lost her daughter Florence in her third year. Mr. Neary married for his second wife Miss Lizzie E. Humphrey. She was born in Morgan County, Ohio, May 18, 1852. Her father, Benjamin Humpbrey, was born in West Virginia September 19, 1827, a son of John Humphrey, a native of the same state, who came to Ohio in 1829, living for a time in Morgan County and later in Pike County, where he died in middle life. John Humphrey married Elizabeth Van Pelt, who was of Pennsylvania stock. Brought to Ohio at the age of two years, Benjamin Humphrey in 1854 came to Scioto County, and for twenty years was employed in the Bloom furnace, afterward at the Webster and Buckhorn furnaces, and finally became manager of the Howard furnace, where his last years were spent. Benjamin Humphrey married Lavinia Elliot, who was born in Morgan County, daughter of Simeon and Ellen (Mahew) Elliot.

Mr. and Mrs. Neary have a daughter, Edna L., who married Benjamin F. Stewart, and has a son named Benjamin Donald. Mr. Neary has been an active republican. Always a good citizen, he has given official service as trustee and overseer of Harrison Township and for three terms was one of the county commissioners. With his wife he

is a member of the Manly Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to Bailey Post No. 164, G. A. R.

HON. GEORGE DRAKE SCUDDER. Prominent among the highly respected men and representative citizens of Scioto County is Hon. George Drake Scudder, of Portsmouth, who came to this city upwards of a score of years ago, and has since occupied a place of note in the community. He was born January 17, 1856, in Trenton, New Jersey, of English lineage. His father, Hon. Edward Wallace Scudder, was born in 1822 in Mercer County, New Jersey, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, Jasper Smith Scudder. The immigrant ancestor of Mr. Scudder came from England to America, and settled in Massachusetts soon after the arrival of the Mayflower at Plymouth with its little band of pilgrims. One of his descendants, Richard Scudder, thought to have been born on Long Island, removed to New Jersey in colonial days, becoming the founder of the Scudder family of that state. He was the owner of a large estate on the Delaware River, and there spent his last days.

Jasper Smith Scudder was an apt scholar, and while young prepared for college, but his father died, and he then devoted his time to the supervision of the parental estate. After occupying the old home farm a number of years, he moved to Trenton, and was there associated with the Trenton Banking Company until his death, at the age of fourscore years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Stillwell Reeder, was born in New Jersey, of English ancestry, and there spent her entire life, dying in the City of Trenton. She was the mother of two children, as follows: Edward Wallace; and Christiana, who married William R. McIlvaine.

Edward Wallace Scudder received superior educational advantages, being fitted for college when quite young, and was graduated from Princeton University with the class of 1841. He subsequently studied law with Hon. William L. Dayton, who, in 1856, was candidate for vice president, running with John C. Fremont. Admitted to the bar, he met with eminent success as an attorney, and in 1869 was appointed by Governor Randolph as judge of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, a position which he ably filled until his death, twenty-four years later, on February 3, 1893. He married Mary Louisa Drake, a daughter of Judge George K. Drake, a lifelong resident of New Jersey. Mr. Drake was graduated from Princeton University, and after practicing law successfully at Morristown, served for seven years as a judge in the Superior Court. Mr. Drake married Mary Halsey, who was of English ancestry, and belonged to a family of note, one of her rela-

tives, Thomas Halsey, having served several years as a member of Parliament. Mrs. Mary Louisa (Drake) Scudder died in 1890. She reared six children, as follows: Edmund Drake Scudder; Henry Darcy Scudder; Wallace McIlvane Scudder; George Drake Scudder; Mary Scudder, who married Prof. Alexander Jamison, of the Lawrenceville Preparatory School; and Louisa, who became the wife of Capt. Henry Pratt Perrin, of the United States army.

Laying a substantial foundation for his future education in the State Model School of Trenton, New Jersey, George Drake Scudder entered Princeton University in 1872, and was there graduated in 1876. Following in the footsteps of his ancestors, he studied law, and after his admission to the bar was engaged in the practice of his profession in Trenton for a number of years, until his removal to Ohio. In 1893 he came to Portsmouth, Ohio, which has since been his home, and is now devoting his time and energies to his private interests and his official duties. While living in Chambersburg, a suburb of Trenton, New Jersey, Mr. Scudder served as a member of the council of that borough. In 1886 he was elected to the New Jersey Legislature, and in the long-drawn contest for the election of a senator cast his vote for Hon. Leon Abbett. Since coming to Portsmouth, he has served in various official capacities, and is now a member of the Portsmouth Board of Education, and secretary and treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Portsmouth Public Library; also trustee of the County Children's and of the Portsmouth Bar Association.

Mr. Scudder married, November 20, 1879, Harriet Helen Damarin, who was born in Portsmouth, a daughter of Charles A. M. and Harriet Caroline Damarin, of whom a sketch may be found on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Scudder have one child, Charles Damarin Scudder. He was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, and was graduated from Princeton University in 1907. He is now engaged in the insurance business in Portsmouth. He married Katherine Waite, and they have one son, Charles Damarin Scudder, Jr.

Fraternally Mr. Scudder joined Column Lodge No. 120, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in Trenton, New Jersey, of which he served one year as master, and is now a member of Aurora Lodge No. 48, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons, of Portsmouth; he also belongs to Calvary Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar; and to Solomon Council No. 79, Royal and Select Masters. Mr. and Mrs. Scudder are members of the Presbyterian Church, which he is serving as an elder. For sixteen years Mr. Scudder has been superintendent of the Sunday school connected with that church. He has twice been a representative to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,

and from 1910 until 1913 was a member of the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America.

GEORGE DYAR SELBY. Beginning life in the valley of limited circumstances rather than on the plane of affluence, George Dyar Selby, of Portsmouth, president of the Selby Shoe Company, has achieved marked success in the business world, and for many years has been conspicuously identified with the growth of his home city, and the advancement of its material interests. A native of Ohio, he was born on a farm in Berne Township, Athens County, of good old New England stock. He is a direct descendant in the sixth generation from Jeremiah Selby, the lineage being thus traced: Jeremiah, William, Jeremiah, Dyar, Hines Cone and George Dyar.

Jeremiah Selby was born and educated in England. Emigrating to America in early manhood, he located at East Haddam, Connecticut, where he married Susanna Dutton, and thereafter spent his remaining years, being actively engaged in the practice of medicine. William Selby was born in East Haddam, Connecticut, June 5, 1716, and was a lifelong resident of that place, as was his wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Brainard. Jeremiah Selby, whose birth occurred in East Haddam, December 9, 1745, there married Sarah Cone, a daughter of Daniel or Jared Cone, there seeming to be some conflicting evidence on this point. In 1807 he migrated to New York State, making the removal with teams, it having been long before the day of railroads, and settled in Wayne County, at Sodus Bay, where both he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Dyar Selby was born in East Haddam, Connecticut, July 4, 1784, and in 1807 accompanied his parents to Wayne County, New York.

Dyar Selby married, February 17, 1811, in Wayne County, Tabitha Calhoun, who was born March 15, 1791, at Petersham, Worcester County, Massachusetts, a daughter of James Calhoun, who served with the Massachusetts troops in the Revolutionary war. In 1807 Mr. Calhoun started westward with his family from Petersham, his daughter Tabitha driving one of the teams the entire distance to Wayne County, New York, where he was a pioneer settler. In 1819, eight years after his marriage to Miss Calhoun, Dyar Selby came to Ohio, accompanied by his wife and their four children, landing in Marietta. He lived for a time in one end of a double log house, which he rented, it being a few miles from the village, and later moved to Rainbow Bend, where he lived until 1827. Going then to Wesley Township, Washington County, he lived for five years on a farm lying two miles north of Bartlett. In 1832 he located in Berne Township, two and one-half miles west of

Bartlett, and there lived in a log house until his death, in 1873. He filled various public offices, including those of township trustee and justice of the peace. His wife died in 1853. They reared ten children, as follows: Jeremiah, Dyar, Hines Cone, Sarah, Susan, Warren, Jared, Fanny, Elizabeth and Francis Marion.

Hines Cone Selby was born in Wayne County, New York, October 9, 1815, and at the age of four was brought by his parents to Ohio. Reared to agricultural pursuits, he began life for himself as a farmer on rented land. Being successful in his undertakings, he, a few years later, bought land in Berne Township, and in the substantial hewed log house that he erected spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1889. He married Sarah Ann Rardin, who was born in Berne Township, Washington County, Ohio, December 15, 1820, a daughter of William Rardin, and granddaughter of Henry Rardin, a pioneer settler of Ohio. Her great-grandfather, Dennis Rardin, with a brother, John Rardin, emigrated from Ireland to America about 1750, and settled in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred in 1789. Born and reared in Pennsylvania, Henry Rardin came by way of the Ohio River to Marietta, Ohio, in 1807. He subsequently became one of the earlier settlers of Washington County, where he bought land, and on the farm which he cleared from the forest resided until his death, in 1856, at the advanced age of ninety-nine years. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Hull. The birth of William Rardin occurred April 29, 1797, in Pennsylvania. He grew to man's estate in Washington County, Ohio, and when ready to begin life for himself purchased land in Berne Township, and was there engaged in farming until his death, in 1876. He married Elizabeth Anders, who was born at Red Stone Fort, Pennsylvania, and as a small child was brought by her widowed mother to Ohio, where the remainder of her years were spent, her death occurring on the home farm in 1890, at the age of ninety-one years. Of the union of Hines Cone and Sarah Ann (Rardin) Selby twelve children were born, namely: Oliver O., Mary E., John W., George Dyar, Mehitabel T., David H., Sarah J., Sanford P., James O., Prudence A., Samuel V. and Roena R.

Educated in the rural schools of his native township, and taught to work on the home farm, George Dyar Selby learned in his boyhood those lessons of industry and thrift that have since proved such valuable assets in his career. In February, 1865, he offered his services to his country, enlisting in Company H, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, and was on duty in Southern Tennessee and Northern Georgia until the close of the conflict, when he was honorably discharged.

Returning to his home, he continued his studies at a seminary in Athens County, after which he taught school one term. In 1867 Mr. Selby came to Portsmouth, Scioto County, as agent for the Singer Manufacturing Company, and canvassed throughout this section of the state for the sale of its machines. In 1880, becoming interested in the manufacture of shoes, he formed a partnership with Irving Drew, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, and Bernard Damon, and established himself in business on his own account. The venture proved eminently successful and in 1902 was incorporated as The Drew-Selby Company. In 1906, Mr. Selby having obtained control of all of Mrs. Drew's holdings, the company name was changed to The Selby Shoe Company, with George D. Selby as president, Pearl E. Selby, vice president and general superintendent, Mark W. Selby, vice president and secretary, and J. J. Rardin, treasurer. This firm, which is one of the leading ones of the kind in this part of Ohio, is carrying on an extensive and profitable business, the products of its factory being widely and favorably known, and ever in demand in the leading markets of the United States, as well as a number of foreign countries. Mr. Selby is a man of rare discrimination and of great administrative ability, and is officially connected with various enterprises, of which we will mention but two, The Security Savings Bank and Trust Company, of which he is president, and The First National Bank of Portsmouth, of which he is a director.

Mr. Selby married, September 26, 1867, Lydia V. Webster, who was born in Chester Township, Meigs County, Ohio, a daughter of Isaac A. and Lydia (Ashton) Webster, natives of New York State and Logan, Ohio, respectively. Isaac A. Webster was born in New York State April 9, 1801, and came with his parents to Meigs County, Ohio, at the age of nine years, where he resided till his death, March 7, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Selby are the parents of five children, namely: Pearl E., Cora W., Mark W., Homer C. and Roger A. Pearl E. Selby married Blanche E. Smith, and they have two children, Harold Rea and Gladys. Cora W. Selby married Benjamin H. Dillon, and at her death, which occurred February 26, 1908, left one son, Edmund Selby Dillon. Mark W. Selby has been twice married. He married first Maude Grimes, who died in 1905, leaving one child, Alice Christine Selby. He married for his second wife Adelaide Hare. Homer C. Selby married for his first wife Laura Moody, who died in 1906, leaving one child, Mary Louise Selby. He married second Lola Davis. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Selby are members of the Bigelow Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. Selby being also a member of its official board. Fraternally Mr. Selby belongs to Aurora Lodge No. 48, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons;

to Mount Vernon Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; to Solomon Council No. 79, Royal and Select Masters; to Calvary Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar; and he is also a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. He likewise belongs to Bailey Post No. 164, Grand Army of the Republic.

Judge Albion Zelophead Blair. Conspicuous among the foremost lawyers of Scioto County is Judge Albion Z. Blair, of Portsmouth, a man of vigorous mentality and scholarly attainments, who has acquired distinction in his chosen profession, and a place of honor among his fellow-townsmen. A son of George W. Blair, he was born Friday, December 13, 1861, on a Jackson Township farm, in Highland County, Ohio, and there grew to man's estate.

His paternal grandfather, John Blair, was a native, it is thought, of one of the Carolinas. He was of early colonial ancestry, and a member of that branch of the Blair family that has figured prominently in the history of the United States. He spent a few of the earlier years of his life in Kentucky, later becoming a pioneer of Adams County, Ohio. Securing a tract of timbered land in Winchester Township, he hewed a farm from the wilderness, and there spent his remaining years. He married Martha Bramble, who was also of colonial ancestry, and both lived to a good old age. They reared eight children, as follows: Greer, George W., William, John, Joseph, Rebecca, Sarah and Polly Ann.

Born on the home farm in Winchester Township, Adams County, Ohio, February 7, 1832, George W. Blair grew to manhood amid pioneer scenes. He assisted his father in the arduous task of clearing a farm as soon as old enough to be of use, and as a young man made occasional trips to Ripley and Cincinnati, the nearest market points, carrying the surplus produce of the farm with a six-horse team to those places, and bringing back on his return merchandise and household supplies. At the time of his marriage he located on a farm in Winchester Township, beginning married life in a small log cabin, with a stick and earth chimney, lighted by two small windows, each containing four little panes of glass. Having no stoves in those days, his wife did all of her cooking by the fireplace, and in addition to her other household duties spun and wove all of the cloth from which she fashioned the clothes for her household. Subsequently moving to Jackson Township, he lived for a while on the farm of his father-in-law, James Frazier. He was very successful as an agriculturist, and subsequently bought two farms adjoining the old Frazier homestead, erected substantial frame buildings, and was there prosperously engaged in tilling the soil until his death.

The maiden name of the wife of George W. Blair was Nancy Miller Frazier. She was born March 5, 1833, in Highland County, Ohio, on the present site of the Town of Greenfield, a daughter of James Frazier. Her grandfather, William Frazier, the Judge's great-grandfather, was wounded in the forehead while serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary army, and carried the scar until the day of his death. He was twice married, and reared a family of twenty-three children. James Frazier, maternal grandfather of Judge Blair, was born September 17, 1799, in Campbell County, Virginia, where his parents were lifelong residents. Migrating to Ohio after his marriage, he made the removal with teams, locating in Highland County. He contracted for a piece of land in the Paint Creek bottom. The land was good, but malaria being prevalent, he sold his interest in that, and moved to Jackson Township, where he took up land, and on the farm which he redeemed from the wilderness resided until his death. James Frazier married Charlotte Boatright, who was also a native of Virginia, her birth occurring February 11, 1801, and she died at the age of eighty years. During his residence in Ohio, Mr. Frazier visited his old Virginia home eleven times, making the trips to and fro on horseback. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Blair were the parents of three children, as follows: Albion Zelophead, the special subject of this brief biographical sketch; Lametta I., wife of James Caplinger, of Jackson Township; and George A.

Acquiring an excellent education in the public schools, Albion Z. Blair, in his eighteenth year, began his career as a teacher in Bratton Township, Adams County, and taught school for twelve years thereafter. While thus employed he devoted all of his leisure time in advancing his education, studying civil engineering and law, and in 1890 was admitted to the bar. Immediately forming a partnership with Frank Bayless, he began the practice of his profession at West Union, being junior member of the firm of Bayless & Blair. Very soon after he was appointed superintendent of roads and bridges for Adams County, and served satisfactorily for five years, when he resigned in order that he might give his entire time and attention to his legal work. In April, 1904, Judge Blair was appointed judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the Seventh Judicial District. In 1907 he was confirmed in the office by election, and has continued in the position by re-election ever since. In 1907 the Judge removed to Portsmouth, which he now proudly claims as his home.

On February 21, 1889, Judge Blair was united in marriage with Alberta M. Armacost, who was born in Clement County, Ohio, a daughter of Levi B. and Rebecca (Welch) Armacost. Judge and Mrs. Blair have six children, namely: Guy M., Gladys M., George B., Albion,

Donald and Edgar. Politically the Judge cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland. While a resident of Jackson Township he served as township clerk, and while in West Union he was a member of the school board. Religiously he and his family attend the Second Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Blair is a member, and in the Sunday School of which the Judge is a teacher. Fraternally Judge Blair is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

John J. McCall. Nearly a quarter of a century ago John J. McCall became identified with merchandising at Portsmouth, and is now proprietor of one of the best establishments in the city, located at 719 Campbell Avenue. Since he sold his first goods many of his competitors have come and gone, but his own enterprise has continued with increasing proportions and represents a success gained by hard battle with the world, particularly during his early years.

Mr. McCall represents one of the old families of Southern Ohio, and was born in Gallia County March 13, 1844. The McCall family was established in America during the eighteenth century, first locating in Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather was Michael McCall, who was born either in Scotland or in Ireland of Scotch ancestry. He was a child when his parents came to America and settled in Pennsylvania. Mr. McCall's grandfather was one of the earlier settlers in Adams County, Ohio, secured a tract of timbered land and made a home in the midst of the forests. He reared four sons, with names John, Michael, Alexander and Hugh, and also three daughters.

Hugh McCall, father of the Portsmouth merchant, when a young man began working as a collier in Adams County, later was employed at furnaces in Jackson, Gallia and Scioto counties, and his last work was at South Webster, in Scioto County, where he died at the age of fifty-six years. Hugh McCall married Margaret Bennett, who was born in Bloom Township. Her father, Gilbert Bennett, was born in the same township, while his parents were Virginians who became pioneer settlers of Scioto County. Gilbert Bennett moved to Gallia County during young manhood, was engaged in merchandising at Sims Creek for a few years, then returned to Bloom Township, and as a farmer spent the rest of his days in that vicinity. Mrs. Hugh McCall survived her husband a few years and died at the age of sixty-five. Of the twelve children, nine grew to maturity, named as follows: Elizabeth, Asaph, John J., Mary, Sarah, Margaret, Alexander, Dr. Edgar O. and Stella.

When John J. McCall was ten years of age his parents moved to Jefferson Furnace, lived one year there, and then came to South Web-

ster, in Scioto County. In the meantime his opportunities for acquiring an education had been somewhat limited and most of his training for life was of a very practical nature. In the fall of 1864, when twenty years of age, he found a place as storekeeper at the Clinton Furnace, and was later employed at the Washington Furnace in Lawrence County, first as storekeeper and later as bookkeeper. Mr. McCall remained at the Washington Furnace six and a half years, and was bookkeeper of the Center Furnace a year and a half. With this accumulated experience and with a small amount of capital, he gave up clerical work and began independent merchandising for a year and a half at Center Furnace, subsequently moved to South Webster, and for eleven years traveled on the road as a commercial salesman. In 1890 Mr. McCall left the road, came to Portsmouth, and opened a stock of goods on Campbell Avenue near Eighth Street. That was the beginning of his career as a merchant, which has continued without interruption down to the present time, and with the general growth and development of the surrounding city his own enterprise has enjoyed a similar expansion.

Mr. McCall was first married in 1872 to Susan Paul Cole. She was born in Harrisville, daughter of James M. and Nancy Cole. Mrs. McCall died in 1883, and the present Mrs. McCall was before her marriage Miss Augusta Ann Griffith. She was born in Pine Grove Furnace, Lawrence County, daughter of David and Martha Griffith, who were likewise natives of Lawrence County. Mr. McCall by his first marriage had four children: Nellie, Harriet, Stella and Ada. There are also four children by his present wife: Edith, Augusta, Martha J. and Dudley. Mr. and Mrs. McCall are members of the Bigelow Methodist Episcopal Church, while in fraternal matters he is affiliated with Aurora Lodge No. 48, A. F. & A. M., and with Portsmouth Camp No. 3993, Modern Woodmen of America.

Adam Pfau. To feed the people has always been a task requiring all that man possesses of ability, industry and business enterprise. It is in the line of furnishing high-class articles of food to the people of Portsmouth that Mr. Pfau's business activities have been directed for the larger part of his career. Sanitary, wholesome and pure foods have been the object of his endeavor, and as proprietor of the Model Bakery he has conferred a service probably greater in value than that conferred through many other lines of enterprise.

Adam Pfau was born in Portsmouth April 26, 1871, and his father before him was a prosperous and well-remembered baker. John Adam Pfau was born in the Town of Schopfloch, in Wuertemberg, Germany, February 28, 1839. His father was Johann Pfau, a farmer and life-

long resident of Wuertemberg. John Adam Pfau attended school steadily until fourteen years of age, and then was apprenticed to learn the baker's trade. Four years gave him standing as a master baker, and at the age of eighteen he ventured across the ocean and found a new home in the United States. In different cities he plied his trade for several years, and finally reached Portsmouth. He worked as a baker in this city until October, 1861, and then volunteered for service as a soldier. He enlisted in Company B of the Fifty-sixth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, went to the front and later when his health failed he received an honorable discharge on account of disability, September 30, 1862. Returning to Portsmouth, he remained only a short time and then started back to his old home in Germany. At Bissingen, Wuertemberg, he established a bakery and made bread for the people of that locality until 1868. Having in the meantime married, he returned to the United States with his wife and family, and again located at Portsmouth and resumed acquaintance with friends whom he had made prior to the war. With the assistance of some friends he started a bakery on Front Street. It was a very small and modest enterprise, and after baking all the bread that his ovens would hold, he delivered the loaves to his customers in a basket which he carried about the streets. That was the beginning of an enterprise which vigorously prosecuted and with a wholesome product gradually expanded and in the course of years he became one of Portsmouth's successful business men. In 1889 he bought property on Second Street and continued business there until his death in 1896. John Adam Pfau was married in Bissingen, Germany, to Johanna Schott, who was born in Bissingen, and is still living a resident of Portsmouth. She reared nine of her ten children, namely: Mary, wife of Charles Crane; John; Adam; Jacob; Lizzie; Rosa, wife of Arthur De Voss; Charles; Will; and Laura.

Adam Pfau attended the public schools at Portsmouth and when quite young began following his father about the shop and learning the details of the baker's trade. For several years, however, he was employed by Paden Brothers in their shoe factory, but eventually went to Dayton and was employed by a baker there and then worked in several different cities. His knowledge of the baking trade is based upon a thorough and ample experience, and in 1898 Mr. Pfau established a shop on Chillicothe Street in Portsmouth and remained there four years, and finally purchased property on Eleventh Street, where he now is proprietor of an establishment well named The Model Bakery.

Mr. Pfau was married November 30, 1893, to Rosalie Lauffer. She was born in Portsmouth, a daughter of Frederick Lauffer, who was born in the Village of Loenburg, Wuertemberg, March 10, 1832, and

was reared and educated in his native land. About the time he reached his majority he emigrated to America, and for several years operated a hotel located on the present site of the postoffice in Portsmouth. He lived in Portsmouth until his death. Frederick Lauffer married and was the father of several children, including Mrs. Pfau. Mr. and Mrs. Pfau have two daughters: Mildred and Hazel, both of whom are students in the Inter Mount College at Bristol, Virginia. Mr. Pfau was reared in the faith of the German Evangelical Church and now attends the Central Presbyterian, in which his wife has membership. Fraternally he is affiliated with Aurora Lodge No. 48, A. F. & A. M., with Calvary Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar, and with Seneca Tribe No. 17 of the Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Pfau is well known among the master bakers of Ohio, and was one of the seven bakers who met at Columbus some years ago and organized the Master Bakers' Association of Ohio. On the organization he was made a member of the executive committee, served in that capacity several years, and was also for several years treasurer of the organization.

James William Fitch, M. D. Identified with one of the most exacting professions to which a man may devote his time and energies, James William Fitch, M. D., holds a noteworthy position among the active and successful physicians and surgeons of Portsmouth, Scioto County. He was born near Ashland, in Boyd County, Kentucky, which was also the birthplace of his father, George Fitch, and the part of Kentucky in which his grandfather, James Fitch, located as a pioneer.

Nehemiah Fitch, the Doctor's great-grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania, and a direct descendant, according to tradition, of one of two brothers named Fitch who came to America in early colonial times, and settled in New England, where one remained, the other removing to Pennsylvania, and there founding the branch of the Fitch family to which Doctor Fitch belongs.

A native of Pennsylvania, James Fitch followed the tide of emigration to Kentucky, and having bought land in Boyd County, was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. He married Minerva Davidson, who belonged to a family of much prominence, her ancestors having been extensive landholders, owning large plantations which they operated with slave labor.

Born on the home farm, in Boyd County, Kentucky, in 1840, George Fitch was early initiated into the mysteries of farming, and in his earlier life owned and operated a farm lying about ten miles south of Ashland. Subsequently disposing of that property, he bought a

farm in Greenup County, Kentucky, and was there prosperously engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1885. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Martin, was born in Boyd County, Kentucky, in 1842, a daughter of John Peebles and Sarah (Farmer) Martin, both of whom were born and reared in Pennsylvania, and died on the home farm in Boyd County, Kentucky, not far from Ashland. Mrs. George Fitch died at the age of sixty-eight years, leaving six children, as follows: James William, with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned; Virginia; Edward, a physician in Russell, Kentucky; Sarah; Effie; and Samuel, who is engaged in the mercantile business at Ashland, Kentucky.

Obtaining his preliminary education in the public schools of Greenup County, Kentucky, James William Fitch subsequently taught school five years in his native state, during which time he studied medicine with Dr. H. H. Warnock, of Greenupsburg. He then entered the School of Medicine at Louisville, and was there graduated with the class of 1893. Beginning the practice of his profession at Wurtland, Greenup County, he continued there a year, and then settled at Russell, Kentucky, where he remained in successful practice for seven years. In 1901, desirous of enlarging his scope of action, Doctor Fitch came to Scioto County, Ohio, locating in Portsmouth, where he has since won an enviable reputation for medical skill and ability, and has built up an extensive and remunerative patronage. He is an intelligent student, keeping up to the times in regard to the treatment of diseases, and in the practice of surgery, in 1903 having taken a postgraduate course in surgery in New York City.

Doctor Fitch married, October 18, 1893, Ellen D. McCarty, who was born in Haverhill, Scioto County, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel and Minerva (Brown) McCarty, and into their home two children have been born, Clyde Marvin and Ruth. The Doctor is an active member and ex-president of the Hempstead Academy of Medicine; a fellow of the American College of Surgeons; a member of the Ohio State Medical Society; of the Ohio Clinical Association; and of the American Medical Association. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a republican, and religiously he is a member of the Bigelow Methodist Episcopal Church.

John Milton Stockham. As president of the Stockham Ice and Cold Storage Company, and of the Scioto Sand Company, John Milton Stockham, of Portsmouth, is actively identified with two of the important industries of Scioto County, and is widely known as a representative business man. A son of the late Joseph Harvey Stockham, he was

born January 1, 1857, on a farm in Madison Township, Scioto County, a descendant of one of the brave Portsmouth pioneers who assisted in clearing the forests to make room for agriculture and civilization. His grandfather, Joseph Stockham, was a son of William Stockham, the founder of the Stockham family of Ohio.

Born in Wales, William Stockham immigrated to America in 1777, settling in New Jersey, near Trenton, where he married Susanna Payne. In 1798, desirous of investing in land, he came westward to Ohio, journeying with his family overland with teams to Pittsburgh, thence down the Ohio River on flatboats to the mouth of the Scioto River. All of Ohio was then a dense wilderness, the happy hunting ground of the Indians. Landing on the present site of Portsmouth, he selected as a building spot the place now occupied by the residence of Judge Bannon. The log cabin which he erected in the forest as the first home of the Stockham family in Ohio was one of the very first log houses built in the county. He selected in the Scioto Valley a tract of land which later became known as the Marsh farm, and which is now owned by Judge Bannon. The land at that time was very fertile, but the drainage was extremely poor, and in consequence the region roundabout was quite unhealthy. Therefore, in 1803, William Stockham removed with his family to Madison Township, secured land and was there a resident until his death, in 1815. His wife survived him. They reared several children, and their numerous descendants are represented in many different states.

Joseph Stockham was born in New Jersey, June 25, 1784, and as a boy of fourteen years came with his parents to Scioto County. He subsequently assisted in clearing a homestead, and having obtained possession of a tract of land in Madison Township, spent the best years of his useful life in redeeming from the wilderness a portion of this beautiful country, being engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1833, from cholera. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Bennett, was born April 16, 1786, and died June 13, 1863. Of the children born of their union, all are dead save one son, Samuel Stockham, who is now, in July, 1914, living in Texas, a venerable man of more than ninety years of age.

Joseph Harvey Stockham was born March 17, 1817, on the home farm in Madison Township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. When, in 1837-38, the courthouse was in process of construction at Portsmouth, he drove the oxen employed in drawing the pillars and the stone for the steps to the courthouse. When he was young, charcoal was the fuel used at the furnaces, and in early manhood he took contracts to cut the wood and burn the charcoal. Very successful in his

operations, he accumulated considerable money while thus employed, and wisely invested it in land, buying a partly improved farm lying 1½ miles north of Harrisonville, in Madison township. There he was afterwards prosperously engaged in general farming until his death, July 29, 1890.

Joseph Harvey Stockham married Catherine Dewey, who was born February 13, 1823, a daughter of Joseph Dewey, and a descendant in the fifth generation from the immigrant ancestor, Thomas Dewey, the line of descent being as follows: Thomas (1), Israel (2), Israel (3), Joseph (4) and Catherine (5). Admiral George Dewey is also a descendant in the seventh generation from Thomas (1) Dewey. Thomas (1) Dewey settled in Westfield, Connecticut, about 1639. Israel (2) Dewey married Abigail Drake, and both he and his son, Israel (3) Dewey, who married Abigail Ingraham, were as far as known lifelong residents of Connecticut. Joseph (4) Dewey was born in Stonington, Connecticut, July 4, 1781, and as a young man migrated to Ohio, becoming a pioneer of Scioto County. He spent the later years of his life in Harrisonville, Ohio, dying June 3, 1839. His wife, whose maiden name was Roxana P. Tenner, was born near Baltimore, Maryland, August 7, 1794, and in 1800 was brought to Ohio by her parents, who were among the original settlers of Adams County. She survived her husband many years, dying January 17, 1877. Catherine (5) Dewey was well trained by her mother in all the domestic arts, becoming not only a superior cook and housekeeper, but learning to spin and weave, and until her children were all well grown spun and wove the cloth from which she fashioned their garments. She died February 2, 1847, leaving eleven children, namely: Joseph Dewey, Caroline M., Ann Eliza, George Washington, Roxana E., John Milton, Maria E., Mary Catherine, David Harvey, Samuel Taylor and Sarah Ella. All of these children were living in July, 1914, the youngest child being then forty-seven years of age.

Beginning when young to assist his father on the farm, John Milton Stockham remained an inmate of the parental household until twenty years old, when he entered the employ of M. B. Gilbert, a wholesale grocer, with whom he remained a year. Marrying then, Mr. Stockham farmed with his father for twelve months, and then moved to Texas, where, a year later, his wife died, leaving an infant two and one-half months old. Returning to his old home, Mr. Stockham again entered the employ of Mr. Gilbert, with whom he remained seven years. Resigning his position at that time, he embarked in the coal business, which he carried on successfully until 1913. In the meantime Mr. Stockham had become associated with the ice business, and in 1903 had incorpo-

rated it under the name of the Stockham Ice and Cold Storage Company, of which he has since been the president. This company has an extensive cold storage plant, and deals extensively in fruit and produce, having a large and lucrative patronage. Mr. Stockham is likewise president of the Scioto Sand Company, which owns the Larkins estate, and is much interested in the culture of fruit, having, in Union Township, a fine orchard of 6,000 trees, all of them young trees, but some of them quite productive.

Mr. Stockham married first, at the age of twenty-one years, Augusta Frowein, who died two years later, and their only child lived but five months. Mr. Stockham married second, October 13, 1883, Helen McAleer, a daughter of John and Helen Jane (Edwards) McAleer, the former of whom was born in Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and the latter in Virginia, of Scotch descent. Mr. and Mrs. Stockham have five children, namely: Vesta, Russell, Katherine, Paul and Violet. Russell married Mary Powell, and they have one child, John Russell, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Stockham are members of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.

John W. Hall. The efficient and popular clerk of the courts of Scioto County is a scion of an old and honored pioneer family of Southern Ohio, both his paternal and maternal ancestors having settled in the Buckeye State at an early period of its history.

John Wikoff Hall was born on the old Wikoff homestead, on the banks of the Ohio River, in Green Township, Adams County, Ohio, and the date of his nativity was June 30, 1861. In the same township his father, Charles N. Hall, was born in the year 1840, a son of James H. Hall, who was born at Logan's Gap, Brown County, this state, the latter's father, Benjamin Hall, having been a native of Wales and having come to America when a young man. For a short interval after his arrival in this country Benjamin Hall was a resident of Pennsylvania, and finally he turned his attention to the building of flat and keel boats for transportation service on the Ohio River, down which stream he came to establish his home at Logan's Gap, where he became one of the first settlers of Brown County, Ohio. For many years after his arrival in this state there were no canal or railroad systems in operation in Ohio and the only available markets for the products of the pioneer settlers were the southern cities that could be reached by means of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Benjamin Hall himself built many flatboats which he personally used in the transportation of produce down the two rivers, and he usually made New Orleans his destination and market. There he also sold his boats, which could not feasibly be taken

back up the rivers, and his return trips were customarily made on foot. On one of these return journeys through a virtual wilderness he disappeared and his family thereafter found no trace of him, the supposition being that he was robbed and murdered en route. His wife, whose maiden name was Shelton, survived him by a few years and left three sons and two daughters, James H., Harry, Benjamin and the daughters, who eventually became respectively Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Wilson Case.

James H. Hall was reared to adult age in Brown County and finally removed thence to Adams County, where he purchased a tract of heavily timbered land about one and one-half miles north of the present Village of Rome. On this pioneer and embryonic farmstead he erected a log house of the primitive type common to the locality and period, and after clearing an appreciable portion of his land he sold the property at a profit and purchased another wild tract, in Jefferson Township, that county. There he erected and placed in operation a sawmill, and he successfully engaged in the manufacturing of lumber, in addition to giving due attention to the reclamation and cultivation of his farm. After the death of his wife he sold this homestead and removed to Rarden Township, Scioto County, where he became associated with his son, James H., Jr., in the purchase of 1,000 acres of land that had been set aside to aid in the founding and support of the state university. The father and son gave themselves vigorously to the reclamation of this land, a large part of which they cleared and improved, and after there maintaining their home for a number of years they removed to Atchison County, Missouri, and purchased land. Five years later they extended their pioneer activities into Nemaha County, Nebraska, where they bought a large tract of land and where James H. Hall, Sr., grandfather of the subject of this review, died in 1899, in his ninetieth year. He retained his mental and physical powers to a wonderful extent and was hale and active until within a very short time before his demise. His wife, whose maiden name was Angeline Shelton, was born in Huntington Township, Brown County, Ohio, and there her death occurred in 1869, their children having been Charles N., William S., Elisha P., James H., George A., Phoebe, Susan and Mary. Phoebe first married Willis Robinson, who sacrificed his life while serving as a soldier of the Union in the Civil war, and his widow later became the wife of Benjamin Johnson. Susan likewise was twice wedded, and her first husband, named Robinson, also lost his life in the Civil war, after which she became the wife of George Shively. Mary married Newton Robinson.

Charles N. Hall was reared and educated in Adams County and there continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until the Civil war was precipitated and gave to him the call of higher duty.

On the 9th of August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company I, Ninety-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he was chosen first sergeant of his company. In 1864 he was promoted second lieutenant and later in the same year attained to the rank of first lieutenant. He was with his gallant regiment in all of its marches, campaigns and battles up to the time he was incapacitated by wounds, and among the more important engagements in which he took part may be mentioned the following: Buffalo, West Virginia; Fayetteville, Blake's Farm, Cloydy's Mountain, New River Bridge, Cow Pasture River, Lynchburg, Winchester, Virginia; and Martinsburg and Opequan Creek, West Virginia. In the last named conflict he was severely wounded and was incapacitated for further service in the field. He received his honorable discharge on the 21st of March, 1865, on account of disability.

After his return to Adams County the valiant young soldier was elected county clerk, of which office he continued the efficient incumbent for six years, and thereafter he served one term as county sheriff. He then assumed a clerkship in the office of the secretary of state, at Columbus, and later he had the distinction of serving as librarian of the state law library. This position he resigned in 1877, in which year he returned to his farm in Adams County, where he continued to reside until his death, on the 28th of January, 1909.

As a young man Charles N. Hall wedded Miss Calista Wikoff, who was born on the Wikoff homestead farm, in Green Township, Adams County, and who was a daughter of John W. and Nancy (Jones) Wikoff, both of whom were born and reared in Shelby County, Kentucky, where their marriage was solemnized. John W. Wikoff was a son of Peter Wikoff, who was a native of Wales and who came to America when a young man, his home having soon afterward been established in Shelby County, Kentucky, where he resided for a term of years. He then came to Adams County, Ohio, and purchased land near Cedar Mills, this homestead continuing to be his place of abode until his death. Upon coming to Adams County, Ohio, John W. Wikoff purchased a tract of land in Green Township, his fine old farmstead being picturesquely situated on the banks of the Ohio River, and there he continued to be successfully engaged in farming until his death, in 1861, as the result of an accident. His widow long survived him and was summoned to the life eternal in 1887, the four children of their union who attained to maturity having been Allen T., Milton, Owen R. and Calista. Allen T. Wikoff became a prominent member of the Ohio bar and was influential in public affairs. He served as secretary of state and also as adjutant-general of Ohio, besides having been a valued member of the Ohio Canal Commission for several years. Mrs. Calista (Wikoff) Hall,

a woman of most gentle and gracious personality, died on the 28th of January, 1909, after having reared six children—John W.; Eldora; Mary, who died at the age of nineteen years; Margaret, who died in 1889; William A., who died in 1891; and Charles N.

John W. Hall acquired his early education in the public schools of West Union, Adams County, and after his father assumed a state office and removed to Columbus, he entered the high school in the capital city, being there graduated as a member of the class of 1876. He then entered the Ohio Agricultural & Mechanical College, which is now a part of the University of Ohio, and in this institution he was graduated in 1879. Mr. Hall then put his scholastic attainments to practical test and utilization by enrolling himself as an active member of the pedagogic profession. His first term of service as a teacher was in Liberty District, Jefferson Township, Adams County; and his second term found him master of the school in District No. 9, of the same township. He then assumed a clerical position in the pension office at Columbus, and after serving two years he was for eighteen months a clerk in the Columbus offices of the Hocking Valley Railroad. After the death of his mother he remained one year on the old homestead farm, and during the following three years he was in the West, principally in Missouri and Kansas.

In 1888 Mr. Hall purchased a farm in Nile Township, Scioto County, Ohio, and there he was actively and successfully engaged in diversified farming and stock-growing until 1910, when he rented the farm and accepted the office of superintendent of the county infirmary, in Washington Township. There he remained, as an efficient, considerate and valued executive, until May, 1914, when he resigned his office, after having served four years and three months. He then became the republican candidate for the office of clerk of the courts of this county, a position to which he was elected in November of that year, by a large and gratifying majority that attested his staunch hold upon the confidence and esteem of the voters of the county. He has since maintained his residence at Portsmouth, the judicial center of the county, though he still retains possession of his well improved and valuable farm, in Green Township.

Mr. Hall's first presidential vote was cast in support of Hon. James G. Blaine, and since that time he has continued a stalwart and effective advocate of the principles of the republican party. Both he and his wife are members of the First Christian Church of Portsmouth, and he is affiliated with the following named fraternal organizations: Rome Lodge, No. 535, Free & Accepted Masons; Buena Vista Lodge, No. 842, and Oriental Encampment, No. 26, of the Independent Order of

Odd Fellows; Portsmouth Court, No. 109, Tribe of Ben Hur: and Peerless Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose.

In 1885 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hall to Miss Elizabeth Kuntz, who was born and reared in Brown County, a daughter of John J. and Elizabeth (Glass) Kuntz, representatives of staunch Pennsylvania German stock. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have five children, Horace L., Grace, Bessie, Susan and Lulu. Horace, the only son, married Miss Elizabeth Doyle and they now reside in the State of California.

William E. Cook. For eight years a member of the Portsmouth city council, for the past two decades successfully engaged in business in that city, William E. Cook has spent all his life in the Hanging Rock Iron Region and represents a family of sterling, thrifty and influential German-American citizens in this section of the state.

William E. Cook was born near Hanging Rock, in Lawrence County, a son of the last William Cook, who was born in Hanover, Germany, where the name was spelled Kuch. The grandparents spent all their lives in Hanover and William E. and a brother, who settled at Mount Carmel, Illinois, were the only members of the family who came to America. William Cook was reared on a farm in Germany, attended school steadily as a boy, and when about nineteen years of age left his fatherland, took passage on a sailing vessel, and eleven weeks later, after a somewhat stormy and tedious voyage, was landed at Baltimore. His arrival was in the year 1847. Times were very hard at that time, money scarce, and as a stranger in a strange land with a knowledge only of the German tongue, had many difficulties. He made his way gradually to Pittsburg and finding no employment there started on afoot and walked the entire distance to Cincinnati. On a farm near that city he found employment, and a few years later went to Hanging Rock, and was one of the first Germans to locate in that community. He gradually acquired a serviceable knowledge of the English language, and became very helpful to the Germans who afterwards came to this community and usually made their headquarters at his home. For a number of years William Cook was in the employ of John Peebles and Robert Hamilton and lived in Lawrence County until his death at the age of seventy-four. William Cook married Elizabeth Harmeyer, who was also born in Hanover, Germany. Her parents came to America, bringing several children, and were fourteen weeks on a sailing vessel. They located at Cincinnati and soon afterwards the cholera scourge took away Mrs. Cook's mother, father and brother. She was left alone and found a home with an English family. Three years later she went to Hanging Rock where she met and married a Mr. Mentor, who lived only

a few years. Her second husband was William Cook. She survived him and died at the age of eighty years. By her first marriage she had a daughter named Elizabeth, and by her marriage to William Cook she became the mother of two daughters and one son, named Minnie, Maggie and William E.

William E. Cook grew up in the vicinity of his father's home, attended public school and at the age of fifteen began working in a coal mine operated by his father. In a short time he left mining to learn the moulder's trade. In 1879 Mr. Cook moved to Portsmouth, and followed his trade in that city until 1893, at which time he opened business as a provision dealer, and has been successfully engaged along that line for more than twenty years.

In 1880 Mr. Cook married Louise Droege, a daughter of John F. and Dorothy (Feidler) Droege. John F. Droege was born in Hanover, Germany, February 13, 1813, and was the only member of his father's family to come to America. He was reared and educated in his native land, and in 1836 landed at Baltimore, and from there came West by way of Wheeling to Cincinnati. In 1842 he returned to Germany, but after four years in the old country came back to America in 1846 and set up in the jewelry business in Cincinnati. In 1853 he moved to Portsmouth, bought a farm of sixteen acres all of which is now included within the city, and combined farming with the jewelry business and died at Portsmouth in 1894 at the age of eighty years. His wife died at the age of eighty-five and they reared five of their children. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have three children: Nora, Bertha and Walter. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are members of the German Evangelical Church and have reared their family in that faith.

William C. Hazlebeck. Energetic, enterprising, and eminently capable, William C. Hazlebeck is actively associated with the financial interests of Portsmouth, his home city, as attorney for the Royal Loan and Savings Company, and treasurer and manager of the Hazlebeck Company. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 10, 1883.

William Hazlebeck, the father of William C., was born in Toledo, and was left an orphan at an early age, his father dying while he was yet an infant, and his mother when he was nine years of age. Becoming self-supporting from the time of his mother's death, he worked at various employments for a time, and later served an apprenticeship at the moulder's trade. Soon after the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted as bugler in the Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. At that time all of the country west of the Missouri River, and north of the Red River, to California was under territorial government, and inhab-

ited by bands of hostile Indians. His regiment was sent West, and he was with his command in all the engagements with the savages until the expiration of his term of enlistment, a period of three years, taking part in many a bloody warfare. Returning to Ohio, he subsequently worked at his trade in various places until his death, which occurred at Portsmouth in 1901. The maiden name of his wife was Caroline Eppler. She was a daughter of Casper Eppler, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and as a young man emigrated to America, locating first in Cincinnati, and later settling permanently in Portsmouth, where his death occurred, in 1901, at the age of seventy-three years. Mr. Eppler married Frederica Barbara Doerr, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to Cincinnati when a girl, and there living until her marriage. She died in 1881, at the age of fifty-nine years, leaving four children, Louisa, Charles, Katherine and Caroline.

After his graduation from the Portsmouth high school, in 1901, William C. Hazlebeck was for two years in the employ of the Selby Shoe Company. A man of his mental calibre, however, naturally turns to a professional career, his choice leading him to take up the study of law. Entering, therefore, the law department of the Ohio State University, Mr. Hazlebeck was there graduated with the class of 1906, and during the same year was admitted to the bar. He subsequently spent three months in the office of T. C. Beatty and became associated with Mr. Frank B. Finney as assistant secretary of the Royal Loan & Savings Company. On the death of Mr. Finney he became secretary and attorney of that company, and likewise manager of the Frank B. Finney Company. This company has been since changed to the Hazlebeck Company, and is successfully carrying on a general real estate and insurance business.

Mr. Hazlebeck married, in 1908, Miss Sadie Louise Knost, who was born in Bloom Township, Scioto County, a daughter of Louis and Charlotte (Gulker) Knost. Mr. and Mrs. Hazlebeck have three children, Caroline Charlotte, Mary Louise, and William C., Jr. Politically Mr. Hazlebeck is affiliated with the republican party, and for seven years has served as clerk of the local school board. True to the religious faith in which they were reared Mr. and Mrs. Hazlebeck are active members of the German Evangelical Church. Mr. Hazlebeck has served for four years as president of the Ohio Evangelical League, connected with his church, and is secretary of the Ohio Federation of Brotherhood of the same church, and also national treasurer of the National Brotherhood. Fraternally he is a member of Magnolia Lodge, No. 390, Knights of Pythias and of Aurora Lodge, No. 48, F. & A. M.

Henry J. Wendelken. By reason of his long and successful career as a merchant, Henry J. Wendelken has a place firmly established in the confidence and esteem of the people of Portsmouth, and his name has for years been associated with mercantile effort on an advanced and large scale, either through his own activities or through that of other members of his family.

Henry J. Wendelken was born in Marietta, Ohio, a son of Martin and Adaline Wendelken, a family whose career is further sketched in the biography of John M. Wendelken, found on other pages of this publication. Henry J. Wendelken was reared and educated in his native city, and when a young boy began assisting his father in the store, and thus learned the details of merchandising. Having acquired a practical vocation and a training that would stand him in good stead when he left home, in 1877, he came to Portsmouth and engaged in the grocery business with John Maule. Their place of business was out towards the edge of the city at that time, at the corner of Ninth and Chillicothe streets. Portsmouth thirty-five years ago, when they began this business, was a comparatively small place, and nearly all the business and manufacturing were concentrated along Front and Second streets. After a year Mr. Wendelken sold his interests to his partner and opened another store at the corner of Eighth and Gay streets. In 1883 he bought a store at the corner of Gay and Gallia streets, and moved the stock of his former store on Eighth Street to the new location. Two years of considerable prosperity followed him in his new location and he then engaged in business with his brother John M. at the lower end of Second Street. This was a partnership of about two years, and his retirement was the result of ill health. On recuperating he bought the grocery business of his father-in-law at the corner of Ninth and Chillicothe streets, and was proprietor of that establishment until 1903. In that year Mr. Wendelken sold out to Mr. L. C. Cook, was retired until 1905, and then in company with George Carroll opened a new enterprise as a shoe repair shop, and was in that business for two years. In 1907 Mr. Wendelken bought the grocery store of Fred Gabler at 1702 Gallia Street, and has continued successfully in that line to the present time. His son Earl is now associated with him and carries considerable burden of the store management.

On September 3, 1877, Mr. Wendelken married Emma O. Maule. She was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, a daughter of John Maule, who was a native of Germany and on coming to America located in Chillicothe, spent a few years there and then moved to Portsmouth and engaged in the grocery trade until the end of his life. John Maule married Ottilla Washco, who was also a native of Germany. Mr. and Mr. Wen-

William H. Wagner

delken have reared five children: Bertha, now deceased; Sadie, who married Herbert Steinboch and lives in Norwood, Ohio, and has a son named Harold; Earl, who is associated with his father in business and by his marriage to Effie Worley has three children—Frances, Herbert and Esther May. Martin J., who is engaged in the insurance business and married Carrie Nickel and has a daughter Ruth; Leroy, who is in the jewelry business in Portsmouth and by his marriage to Irene Racy has two children, Helen and Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Wendelken and children are all members of the Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, excepting Earl Wendelken, who has his membership in the Bigelow Methodist. The family are well known for their activities as business men and citizens and the name is associated with true worth and public spirit.

William Harrison Wagner. A veteran of three wars, Capt. William H. Wagner, of Portsmouth, Scioto County, met with many a thrilling experience during his varied career, and a recital of the scenes through which he passed would furnish sufficient material for an exciting and interesting tale of romance. A son of Jacob Wagner, he was born, April 6, 1830, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which was also the birthplace of his father.

Peter Wagner, grandfather, was born in Alsace, France, and on coming to the United States settled in Philadelphia, where he was engaged in the ice business until his death. He married Elizabeth Cook, who was born and reared in Alsace, Germany, and to them four sons and five daughters were born.

During his earlier life Jacob Wagner was engaged in the ice business in his native city, at first being associated with his father. Leaving Philadelphia in 1842 he crossed the Mississippi, and for three or four years resided in the Territory of Iowa. Returning then to Philadelphia, he remained there until the breaking out of the Mexican war, when he enlisted in the Logan Guards, and with his command went to Mexico, where he did his duty as a brave soldier until the close of the war. Receiving his honorable discharge, he returned to Philadelphia, but shortly afterwards bought land in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years, living on his farm until his death, in 1880, at the venerable age of ninety-six years. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Kane, was born in Pennsylvania. She died at the early age of thirty-eight years, leaving eight children.

Leaving school at the age of eleven years, William H. Wagner secured work at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, in Philadelphia, and was there

employed until war with Mexico was declared. Entering then the Logan Guards as a drummer boy, he marched with his command to Pittsburgh, from there going by boat down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans, and thence via the Gulf of Vera Cruz, from there marching with his comrades to the City of Mexico, a distance of two hundred and sixty miles. Continuing with his command in all of its marches, campaigns and battles until the close of the conflict, he then returned to Philadelphia, and was honorably discharged. Resuming his former position in the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Mr. Wagner, still a beardless youth, remained with that company until 1851, when he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as fireman. He was soon promoted to engineer, and given a run between Columbia and Philadelphia.

Going westward to Independence, Missouri, in 1855, Mr. Wagner there enlisted in the Second United States Cavalry, and went into camp for the winter in the Northwest Territory. In the spring of 1856 he was one of a band of forty soldiers that went out on a buffalo hunt. This little company of hunters was subsequently surprised by a band of one thousand or more redskins, who gave battle. Although the brave soldiers killed many of the Indians, twenty-eight of the forty soldiers lost their lives, and the remaining twelve were taken prisoners by the savages, who tortured and burned eight of their captives, the remaining four soldiers witnessing the brutal treatment given their comrades. Mr. Wagner was one of the four saved, and he was held in captivity for two and one-half years, during which time he became familiar with the Indian language, and learned the art of making Indian medicines.

Escaping from his captors, Mr. Wagner waded a stream for several miles in order to avoid the dogs. He was without food, but finally killed a wolf with his sword, and sucked its blood. Skinning the wolf, he kept a quarter of the carcass for future use, and ate some of the meat raw. Running across a mountain lion, he threw away the wolf meat, and escaped by swimming a stream. Subsequently catching a fish, he built a fire with some punk, and having covered the fish with mud baked it in the coals, and had one of the best meals he ever enjoyed. At the end of thirteen days, he rejoined his regiment, with which he remained until 1860. Receiving his honorable discharge from the service in January of that year, he returned to Philadelphia, and resumed work as an engineer. In April, 1861, Mr. Wagner enlisted for three months in Company B, First Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and took part in the battle of Bull Run. His term of enlistment expiring while he was still in the field, Mr. Wagner enlisted in Company A, First Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Captain Robinson, and with his comrades was at the

front in many of the more important engagements of the war, among them having been the battles at Culpeper, Spottsylvania, Antietam, Kelleys Ford, Gettysburg, Brandy Station, and at Port Republic. He participated in twenty-six engagements, and was seven times wounded, in the battle of Bull Run receiving a saber wound in the side. In October, 1864, he was honorably discharged on account of disability arising from his numerous wounds.

Returning North, Mr. Wagner went to Huntington, West Virginia, to live, and on recovering his health resumed work as an engineer. In 1884 he accepted a position in Cuba as master mechanic on the Cuba Central Railroad, and was there thus employed until the blowing up of the Maine, on February 15, 1898. Returning to the United States, he lived first in Charleston, and later in Huntington, West Virginia, from the latter place, in 1899, coming to Portsmouth, Ohio, which has since been his home. The Captain has on Second Street a laboratory in which he compounds Indian medicines, and in his office he has one of the most valuable collection of Indian relics privately owned in the world. He is a member of the G. A. R. and an ex-commander, and in the Masonic order has attained the thirty-third degree, which he received in London, England. He is an ex-grand master of the thirty-third degree in Philadelphia. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Knights of Pythias.

Captain Wagner has been twice married. He married first, in 1860, Sarah Pheasant, who was born in Huntington, West Virginia, and died February 28, 1912. The maiden name of the Captain's second wife was Sarah Rucker. She was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, a daughter of Elias and Margaret (Webb) Rucker, and a granddaughter on the maternal side of James and Sarah (Brown) Webb, who came from North Carolina to Lawrence county, Ohio, in early pioneer days, and taking up land from the Government hewed a farm from the wilderness. By his first marriage Captain Wagner had one son, Harry Wagner, of Portsmouth. Harry Wagner married Mary Shaffer, and they have six children, namely: Pearl, Elsie, Harry, Charles, Albert, and Richard.

Leslie C. Turley. Possessing an unlimited amount of energy, Leslie C. Turley occupies a place of prominence among the progressive business men of Portsmouth, his dealings with widely extended interests and enterprises being ever governed by the highest principles of integrity. He was born in Portsmouth, November 11, 1862, the youngest son of Col. John Alexander Turley, and grandson of Dr. Charles Augustine Turley, both natives of Virginia. He is of pure Scotch

lineage, his ancestors having been Scotch Royalists in the war between the Stuarts and Cromwell, and subsequently settled in County Ulster, Ireland, where they were granted a tract of land during the reign of Charles the Second.

In 1720 Charles Turley, the great grandfather of Leslie C., with his brother William, emigrated from Londonderry, Ireland, to America, landing at Baltimore, Maryland, and from there going to Alexandria, Virginia. He afterwards located in Loudoun County, Virginia, on a tract of land granted him by Lord Fairfax, and to his plantation gave the name of Woodville. He there married Ann Lee Cockerell, a daughter of Col. Richard Henry and Ann (Lee) Cockerell, and a niece of "Light-Horse Harry" Lee.

Dr. Charles Augustine Turley was born, April 4, 1788, at Pleasant Valley, Loudoun County, Virginia, on his father's plantation, "Woodville." Scholarly in his tastes and ambitions, he was afforded every opportunity for obtaining an education, being graduated from both the William and Mary College, and from the Philadelphia Medical College. In 1813 he located at Moorefield, Hardy County, in what is now West Virginia, and was there successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession for many years. He married Fanny Harness, a daughter of George Harness, Jr., and Rebecca (Cary) Harness.

Col. John Alexander Turley was born at Moorefield, Hardy County, Virginia, June 1, 1816, and was educated at William and Mary College. Seized with the wanderlust when young, he came to Ohio in 1836, settling in Scioto Township, upon a magnificent tract of land which was given him by his father. In 1856, he sold this to George Davis. A man of strong character, pronounced in his opinions, he soon became active in public affairs, and in 1840 was elected justice of the peace, an office which he filled three years. In 1846 he was elected as representative to the State Legislature from Scioto and Lawrence counties, and while serving in that capacity was ever loyal to the interests of his constituents. In 1851 he had the distinction of organizing the first school board in Clay Township. At the outbreak of the war between the states he was serving as brigade inspector, with rank of major, having been appointed by Governor Chase.

On April 27, 1861, Colonel Turley enlisted in Company G, Twenty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three months, and was commissioned captain of his company. On May 8, 1861, he had a third company ready for service in the field. On August 19, 1861, he was appointed lieutenant colonel of the Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and resigned the position December 9th of that year. On August 22, 1862, he was commissioned colonel of the Ninety-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

The colonel participated in many important engagements in Virginia and West Virginia, among which we may mention the following: Those at Buffalo, Fayetteville, Blake's Farm, New River Bridge, Cow Pasture and at Lynchburg, where he was severely wounded, being incapacitated for active service. Colonel Turley was honorably discharged from the army on November 4, 1864, and on March 13, 1865, for gallant conduct on the field of battle, was breveted brigadier-general. Returning to Portsmouth, Colonel Turley again became prominent in public matters, serving as a member of the city council and of the Portsmouth board of education, and as mayor of the city from 1871 until 1873, and again from 1887 until 1889.

Colonel Turley married, January 2, 1843, Charlotte E. Robinson, a daughter of Joshua V. and Hannah (Cooper) Robinson. Colonel Turley died March 19, 1900, and Mrs. Turley has also passed to the higher life. They were the parents of six children, two dying in infancy, the other four being Augustus R.; Henry Clay; Leslie C., the special subject of this sketch; and Charlotte, wife of Hon. Albert C. Thompson.

Leslie C. Turley was educated in the schools of Portsmouth, and at the Ohio State University. In 1880, at the age of nineteen years, he began his career in the fire-brick business, being first with W. Q. Adams, who was then president of the Hocking Valley Fire Brick Company, which later became the Portsmouth Fire Brick Company. At the end of ten years having served several years as secretary of that company, Mr. Turley left that firm, and the ensuing ten years was with George Davis and W. G. Bierley and later with J. L. Watkins, Jr., at the Kentucky Fire Brick Company, located at Firebrick, Lewis County, Kentucky, afterwards being connected with the consolidation of the Kentucky Fire Brick Company, with the South Webster Fire Brick Company at South Webster, Ohio, the Star Fire Brick Works, and the Blast Furnace Fire Brick Works, at Sciotoville, and the Portsmouth Fire Brick Company, as vice president and general manager for two years, when it was merged with the Harbison-Walker Refractories Company. The Portsmouth and the Kentucky Fire Brick Company was the name of the consolidation, then absorbed by the Harbison-Walker Refractories Company, the largest company in the world engaged in the manufacture of refractory materials. After their consolidation with the Pittsburgh properties he became a director in the new corporation. He is now, in July, 1916, occupying the same position, with the title of "Director of the Portsmouth district."

Mr. Turley is likewise prominently identified with other large enterprises. In 1900, with others, he purchased the land belonging to the old Washington Furnace Company, and an interest in the land of the

Cambria Furnace Company, and the Black Fork Coal Company, which has been succeeded by the Cambria Clay Products Company. He and others also purchased and now own the lands of the former Pioneer Furnace Company. The lands of the Pioneer Furnace Company, the Washington Furnace Company, and the Cambria Furnace Company, are adjacent properties, located in Scioto and Lawrence counties, in the original Hanging Rock Iron Region. Mr. Turley also bought for the Harbison-Walker Refractories Company all of the lands of the old Kenton Furnace Company, in Greenup County, Kentucky, it being property of considerable value to the company because of flint fire clays in quantity.

For a number of years Mr. Turley has been president of The Portsmouth Engine Company plant, located in the West End of Portsmouth, and is actively interested in the manufacture of limestone products in Kentucky, and in various other important enterprises. He is likewise a large owner of city and suburban real estate, and to each of his varied enterprises and interests he gives his personal attention. For thirty-three consecutive years he has been intimately connected with the manufacture of fire brick, one of the most important industries in the entire state. Mr. Turley served as president of the First National Bank of Portsmouth from 1905 until 1910. He was for a long time a member of the city council, for three years, serving as president of that body. A republican in politics, he cast his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine.

Mr. Turley married, November 11, 1890, Retta Reed, daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Kinney) Reed, of whom a sketch may be found elsewhere in this volume. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Turley, namely: Charles Leslie, who was graduated from the University School at Cleveland, and in the mechanical course at Cornell University; and Nell, who was graduated from Laurel School, in Cleveland, and at the time of writing, is now continuing her studies at Maderia College, in Washington, D. C.

Frederick G. Leete. The active career of Frederick G. Leete as a civil and mining engineer and business man in Lawrence County began more than thirty years ago, and in that time he has won a high position in his profession, being the author of numerous newspaper, pamphlet and magazine articles on the Geological Structure and Resources of Southern Ohio. He is one of the most useful and influential citizens of Ironton.

For many years Mr. Leete has given special attention to the practicabilities of the running waters of the state and his broad observations

and information along that line eventuated in a conspicuous service to the state during the last constitutional convention of Ohio, in which he served as delegate from Lawrence County. Mr. Leete has made a thorough study of the general problem of conservation and development of water power in Ohio, and went into the convention as one of the acknowledged leaders of the conservation forces. He succeeded in having written in the organic law of the state a clause giving the Legislature power to pass laws providing "for the conservation of the natural resources of the State, including streams, lakes, submerged and swamp lands and the development and regulation of water power and the formation of drainage and conservation districts." Already at the time of the convention Mr. Leete has developed a broad and systematic plan by which the various streams of Ohio, capable of developing water power, might serve as the basis for unit districts which should be organized under the auspices of the state and by resources properly developed under state supervision. By the organization of such conservation districts and the scientific utilization of their resources, Mr. Leete has long been convinced that adequate power might be developed to supply not only the ordinary needs of manufacturing and municipal lighting, but the electric current should be introduced into every farm home and every village of the state. Mr. Leete has been a working member of the Ohio Valley Improvement Association since its inception, and through that and other organizations has used his professional influence and his pen to call attention to the undeveloped resources of Lawrence County.

Frederick Guilford Leete was born at Ironton, July 14, 1860, and represents not only a prominent early family of Southern Ohio but one of distinction in the early annals of New England. His father, Ralph Leete, was a prominent attorney in Ironton, and was born in Pennsylvania. The mother was Harriet E. Hand, a native of England. The Leete family originated in England and an adequate sketch of the lineage can be found in "Evans Pioneer Record of Southern Ohio." As early as 1209 the Leetes were found in Cambridgeshire. Frederick G. Leete is in the ninth generation from Sir John Leete of Dodington, who was a justice of the court of common pleas. His son, William Leete, born in 1612 in England, located at New Haven, Connecticut, July 10, 1639. He held numerous offices in that colony, was deputy governor of New Haven from 1658 to 1664 and from 1669 to 1676 was deputy governor of Connecticut after New Haven and Connecticut had been united. From 1676 until his death in 1683 he was governor of Connecticut. This colonial official was noted for his integrity and wisdom, was the first Puritan in his family, and some of his best qualities have been transmitted to his descendant in Southern Ohio. A son of this first American

ancestor was Andrew Leete, also colonial governor of Connecticut, beginning in 1667 and continuing until his death in 1702. He is given credit for secreting the charter of the colony when it was sought to be destroyed, and also prevented the arrest of the regicides Goffe and Whalley, who were fugitives in the colony.

Frederick Leete was graduated from the Ironton High School in 1878, and from 1879 to 1884 taught the grammar department at Waverly. In the meantime he had taken up the study of civil engineering, and from 1884 to 1886 studied law with his father at Ironton but was never admitted to the bar. His occupation as a land surveyor began in 1884, and for the past thirty years that department of his profession has received a large amount of attention. Politically Mr. Leete is ranked as a democrat, but practically is independent in politics, and has manifested a strong advocacy of the temperance cause. He is not a member of any church.

Mr. Leete married Jennie McNichols Holland of Ironton. Her father, Patrick McNichols, was a former contractor and business man of that city. In the judgment of his fellow citizens Mr. Leete has long held a position among the leaders in his home county. He has a cool, calm judgment of men, affairs and institutions, and in many ways has maintained the high ideals set before him by his illustrious ancestors. He stands for right and justice whenever and wherever duty calls, and to a degree beyond most men has realized his highest ambition to be a useful and honorable citizen.

Capt. Adam J. Buch. While the people of Portsmouth now recognize Captain Buch a successful business man and president of the Vulcan Last Company, a brief review of his life shows that for a number of years he was thoroughly acquainted with the hardships of existence, having become self supporting when only thirteen years of age. His introduction to Portsmouth in the year 1877 was in the role of a worker in the mechanical trades, and close attention to business and a growing capacity for larger responsibilities have brought him to his present substantial position.

Capt. Adam J. Buch was born in Wheeling, West Virginia. His father was Adam J. Buch, Sr., a native of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, where his parents spent all their lives. Of the family Adam's brother Leopold and a half-brother named Joseph, came to America and settled in Wheeling. Adam J. Buch, Sr., was reared and educated in his native province, and came to America when a young man. He had established a home and was in a fair way to prosperity, but not long after the breaking out of the Civil war he was shot in his own house by a drunken

vagabond, who afterwards was legally convicted and hanged. The father was at that time thirty-five years of age. He had married Elizabeth Balzer, also a native of Hesse Darmstadt. She survived her husband only five years, and left a family of six children, namely: Adam J., Mary, Christina, Catherine, Leopold and Annie. After the death of the mother the four girls were placed in a Catholic home, and the younger brother was taken care of by an aunt. Captain Buch began to shift for himself and at the age of thirteen was spending his days in any honorable labor that he could find. After about fifteen months of various kinds of work he apprenticed himself to learn the sheet iron and copper trade. For the first year his wages were $1 a week and board, for the second year $1.50 a week, and for the third year $2 a week. He managed to keep himself in a modest way, and mastered the trade, and at the end of his apprenticeship was retained as a regular employe in the plant and spent seven years as a mechanic. At that time there occurred an industrial depression, and work was very scarce in his line, and he was out of employment. Any work he could get was then acceptable, and after a time in May, 1877, he left Wheeling hoping to better his fortune. His intention was to go as far south as his available means would carry him. However, a friend persuaded him to land at Cincinnati and try to find work there. An acquaintanceship formed with Capt. E. B. Moore, commander of the steamer Bonanza, was the influence which finally directed him to Portsmouth. Captain Moore had financial interests in the Portsmouth foundry and machine shops, and induced Mr. Buch to come to that city where he was given employment in the shops and eventually acquired stock in the company and continued one of its aggressive factors for eighteen years. At the end of that time he became associated with L. D. York, of the Burgess Steel Works when they organized the Portsmouth Structural Steel & Iron Company, which he managed. When the Burgess steel works burned out Captain Buch was employed in the building of the boilers, stacks and other portions of the plant of the steel works at New Boston, and he remained with Mr. York until the plant was sold to the Crucible Steel & Iron Company, and then continued with that for a year. Then followed several months of well earned rest, and with L. D. and Raymond York and Floyd Knowles Captain Buch crossed the Atlantic and enjoyed an extended trip abroad, returning to the home of his ancestors in Hesse Darmstadt. Following his return to Portsmouth, in the fall of 1901, Captain Buch contracted with the city to erect the flood defense pumping station, and when that contract had been fulfilled he became associated with the Peebles Paving Brick Company, of which he was made vice president and general

manager, erected its plant, and continued with the Peebles Paving Brick Company until 1913. He was also one of the organizers of the Buckeye Fire Brick Company. In the meantime the Vulcan Last Company had been organized, and he became its president, and now devotes practically all his business attention to this important Portsmouth industry. The Vulcan Company is engaged in the making and remodeling of lasts, and supplies a large amount of equipment for the shoemaking trade. While much of his time has been taken up with the executive direction of large concerns, Mr. Buch is also a thorough mechanic and originator and his invention of the box-toe drying rack was a valuable device which was sold to the United States Machinery Company.

In 1889 Captain Buch married Louise Snyder. She was born in Portsmouth and her parents were Bavarian people. Mr. and Mrs. Buch have three children: Adam F. who died at the age of seven years; and Clara and Mamie. Clara is the wife of Charles Miller, and has two children, Martha and Charlotte. Mamie married William J. Burke and has a son William H. Captain Buch and wife are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and he is a member of Council No. 1 of the Knights of St. George, which he served as captain for twelve years, and is also affiliated with Portsmouth Council No. 741 of the Knights of Columbus.

Irving Drew, president of the Irving Drew Company, of Portsmouth, Scioto County, has been a dominant power in advancing the manufacturing and mercantile interests of this section of Ohio, he and his father, the late Frederick Drew, having been among the original shoe manufacturers of Portsmouth, and prominent in the upbuilding of one of the largest industries of the kind in the city. A native of New England, he was born, July 27, 1849, in Rowley, Essex County, Massachusetts. His paternal grandfather, Joshua Drew, was born, in 1793, in Durham, New Hampshire, being a son of Samuel Drew, a native of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The Drew family, according to tradition, originated in England, the immigrant ancestor coming from there to America in colonial times, and locating in New Jersey, from whence some of his descendants migrated to New Hampshire.

Frederick Drew was born, February 1, 1817, in Durham, New Hampshire, where his father was a life long resident. Leaving home at the age of eighteen years, he located in Essex County, Massachusetts, a county in which, without doubt, more shoes are manufactured annually than in any other county in the world, and for upwards of fifteen years resided in the Town of Rowley where he became thoroughly identified with the trade of a shoe manufacturer, learning the business

from start to finish. In 1851 he came to Portsmouth, Ohio, to accept the position of foreman in the old time shoe factory which Robert H. Bell had established the previous year, it being the pioneer factory of the city. Going back to Massachusetts at the end of a few months, he remained in Rowley until 1854, when he returned to Ohio, and for eight years was engaged in the manufacture of shoes by the old hand method and selling at retail at Ironton, Lawrence County. Going to Granville, Licking County, in 1862, he there continued in the shoe business a part of the time until 1869, when he returned to Portsmouth to again enter the employ of Mr. Bell, who had commenced to manufacture shoes by machinery, and from that time until 1891 he was actively associated with the shoe business of that place. Returning then to Massachusetts, he spent the remainder of his life in Rowley, his death occurring there on October 17, 1896.

The maiden name of the wife of Frederick Drew was Sarah G. Bailey. She was born in Rowley, Massachusetts, a direct descendant in the seventh generation from the immigrant ancestor, James C. Bailey, who settled in Massachusetts about 1630, the line of descent being thus traced: James C. (1), John (2), Nathaniel (3), Deacon David (4), Ezekiel (5), Ezekiel (6), and Sarah G. (7). Ezekiel P. (6) Bailey, a life long resident of Rowley, was a ship carpenter by trade, and for many years was intimately connected with an industry of much importance. Mrs. Sarah G. (Bailey) Drew died January 30, 1900. To her and her husband six children were born, two dying in infancy and four were reared, as follows: Ellen A.; F. Austin, who died in 1874, at the age of twenty-seven years; Irving, the subject of this sketch; and Mary S., who died in 1901.

Irving Drew was educated in the schools of Ironton and Granville. Coming to Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1869, he began work in a shoe factory as a general utility man, and in short time had learned to use the McKay Sewing Machine, and to last shoes. In 1871 the firm of Rifenberick, Drew & Gregg was formed, and succeeded to the ownership of the R. Bell & Company manufacturing department. In 1874 the Portsmouth Shoe Company was organized, with Mr. Drew as secretary, treasurer, and general manager, the company succeeding to the ownership of the Rifenberick, Drew & Gregg Company's plant. In 1877 Mr. Drew and his father withdrew from that concern, and organized the firm of Irving Drew & Company. In 1880 George D. Selby purchased an interest in that organization, and the firm name became Drew, Selby & Company, Bernard Damon being the junior member of the firm. In 1902 the business was incorporated as the Drew-Selby Company, and Mr. Drew sold enough of his stock to Mr. Selby to give him a controlling

interest in the business, although he himself remained as a director until 1905. Mr. Drew then disposed of his entire interest in the firm, which then became the Selby Shoe Company. In 1902 Mr. Drew organized the Irving Drew Company, of which he has since been the president. This enterprising company succeeded to the business of The Star Shoe Company in 1902, and about a year later purchased the business of the Heer Shoe Company, merged the two and enlarged its operations, The Irving Drew Company having grown from a small beginning until now its business is nearly as large as was that of the Drew-Selby Company when Mr. Drew disposed of his interest in that concern.

Mr. Drew, married, June 30, 1879, Ella A. Gates, who was born in Cheshire, Ohio, a daughter of William Wallace and Alvira (Nye) Gates, natives of Ohio. Seven children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Drew, and in order of birth are: LeRoy Irving, who died at the age of twenty-four years in 1904; Mabel Arelie, married S. D. Ruggles and they have an adopted daughter, Elinor; Marjorie Gates, wife of T. C. Lloyd, has three children, Roy Irving, Reese and Drew; Rowena Nye married A. F. Marting, and has two children, Richard Drew and Sarah Ann; Hazel Bailey; Frederick Wallace and Everett A. Mr. and Mrs. Drew are members of the Second Presbyterian Church, in which he is a ruling elder.

James J. Cranston. One of Portsmouth's forceful business men was the late James J. Cranston, who after many years spent in conducting his extensive interests as a farmer and dairyman passed away at his home in Portsmouth, December 9, 1915. His death was the more unfortunate as it came in the prime of his vigorous career, and marked the passing of a representative of the fine old stock of Southern Ohio, his family having been identified with Scioto County for fully a century.

He was born June 18, 1862, at Wheelersburg in Scioto County, and was in his fifty-fourth year when he died. Wheelersburg was also the birthplace of his father Jeremiah Cranston.

His grandfather, Judge Edward Cranston, was born in Rhode Island February 2, 1790, of substantial New England ancestry. In early manhood, many years before railroads traversed the country west of the Alleghanies, he journeyed on horseback from his home to Ohio. Locating at Portsmouth, he first found employment in a blacksmith's shop. In 1820 in partnership with David Gharky, he bought a carding mill, and operated it for eight years. In 1828 he moved to Wheelersburg, continued the operation of a carding mill there for a time, and then converted the plant into a woolen mill, to the ownership of which his sons

subsequently succeeded. Judge Cranston exercised good judgment in making his investments, bought large tracts of land adjoining the village, and superintended the improvement of his property. When he located at Wheelersburg the greater part of all that section of the country was heavily timbered, filled with wild game of all kinds, including the deer, wild turkeys and other animals and birds that so largely furnished subsistence for the hardy pioneers. The huge giants of the forest that would now be so valuable were felled, rolled together and burned. Judge Cranston lived to see the country well settled and contributed his full share towards advancing its material interests. He was also prominent in a public way, serving as county commissioner from 1831 until 1838, during which time the Little Scioto bridge was built, as were also the courthouse and the jail. From 1846 until 1851 he was an associate judge of the county. In politics he was a whig and influential in party ranks. His death was a public loss, and Mr. Evans in his history says of him: "He was one of the most forceful characters who ever occupied the stage of public affairs in Scioto County." Judge Cranston married Nancy Cole, and they reared a large family of children.

Jeremiah Cranston spent his entire life in the vicinity of his birthplace at Wheelersburg. Beginning when young to assist his father in the mill, he became familiar with its every department, and for many years managed it successfully. He died at the age of sixty-seven, honored and respected by all who knew him. He married Abigail Deautremont, who was of pure French ancestry. Her father was born in France, came to the United States when young, and for a time lived in the western part of New York. Starting to the west from Olean, New York, he went down the Allegheny River to Pittsburgh, and from there made the journey down the Ohio on a raft made of lumber. That was the customary manner in which lumber from the forests of New York and Western Pennsylvania was taken to market. He located at Wheelersburg in Scioto County and a few years later went to Iowa where he was one of the pioneers at Riverside. Mrs. Abigail Cranston survived her husband about six years, and left six children named Frank E., Mary A., Benjamin, Lewis, James J. and Charles.

Reared at Wheelersburg, the late James J. Cranston attended the public schools, and having as a youth became familiar with the work of the carding mill while assisting his father was placed in charge of the plant at the age of nineteen and superintended its management fourteen years. During that time Mr. Cranston was engaged in the mercantile business at Wheelersburg and continued in the same after leaving the mill for five years, conducting a well-stocked general store. On leaving

his work as a merchant he turned his attention to agriculture, giving his time and attention to his dairy farm a mile from Wheelersburg. For five years he sold milk to the wholesale trade, and then bought an interest in the milk business conducted by Fuhs & Miller. The following year he acquired all the interests and continued the business alone, first located on Court street in Portsmouth, and two years later on John street. In 1913 he moved to his last location on North Eighth street where he erected a commodious brick structure with cement and tile floor and furnished with every possible equipment for the sanitary and efficient handling of milk products. He also built a plant for the manufacturing of ice, a much needed article in his business. This was not only a flourishing enterprise from a business standpoint but also one of vital benefit to the entire city of Portsmouth. Mr. Cranston purchased milk from carefully selected dairies in Scioto and other Ohio counties and also from Kentucky dairy farms, and upwards of six hundred well fed and well tended cows furnished the supply which was distributed daily from his plant over the city of Portsmouth, seven wagons being employed to cover the route of distribution.

The late Mr. Cranston was a member of the Ohio State Dairy Association, and one of the ablest men in the dairying profession in Southern Ohio. Through his business he rendered a splendid public service, and was a man whose name and career deserve grateful memory. He was married November 26, 1884, to Miss Addie M. Merrill, who was born in Ironton, Ohio, a daughter of John Pearl and Julia A. (Moore) Merrill. Both the Merrill and Moore families were among the early pioneers of Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Cranston were born three children: Lewis Pearl, Jessie L. and Effie E.

Fraternally Mr. Cranston was affiliated with Wheelersburg Lodge of Masons and with Wheelersburg Lodge of Knights of Pythias. He and his family attended the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. John William Dillon. A man of firm convictions, strong character and deep consecration, Rev. John William Dillon, of Portsmouth, is well-known throughout Central and Southern Ohio as an earnest worker in the Methodist Episcopal denomination, in which he was licensed as a preacher nearly threescore years ago, and in which he has since faithfully and successfully labored. A son of Samuel Dillon, he was born October 18, 1834, in Mason Township, Lawrence County, Ohio, of Irish ancestry.

His paternal grandfather, Micajah Dillon, was born in County Galway, Ireland, and as a child was brought to America by his parents, Samuel and Mary Dillon, who located in Virginia, which they subse-

quently made their permanent home. Growing to manhood in Franklin County, Virginia, Micajah Dillon remained there until 1831, when, accompanied by his family, he made an overland journey to Ohio, locating in Lawrence County. Buying a tract of land that was still in its primitive wildness, he cleared a farm, and there lived and labored until his death, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Saxton, survived him a few years. They reared eight children, five of them being sons.

Samuel Dillon was born in Franklin County, Virginia, April 29, 1811, and at the age of twenty years came with his parents to Ohio. Marrying a few months later, he and his bride set up housekeeping in a log cabin, and at once began the pioneer task of reclaiming a farm from the forest. Bears, deer, wolves, and wild turkey were then plentiful, and often destructive to the growing crops. In 1849 he sold the farm in Mason Township, and purchased land near Millersport, on the Ohio River, and there resided until his death at the venerable age of eighty-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary White, was born in August, 1811, at Fincastle, Botetourt County, Virginia. Her father, John White, a native of the same county, came with his famliy to Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1828, and having taken up a tract of timber in Mason Township hewed a farm from the wilderness, and was there engaged in tilling the soil the remainder of his life, dying at the age of eighty-one years. John White's wife, whose maiden name was Nancy MacFarland, was born in Fincastle, Virginia, and died in Mason Township, Ohio, soon after her arrival in the state. Mrs. Mary (White) Dillon learned to card, spin and weave in girlhood, and after her marriage carded, spun and wove the cloth from which she fashioned the clothes for her family. She lived to be nearly eighty years of age.

One of a family of seven children, John William Dillon began his school life at the age of four years, the school being held in an abandoned log cabin, and supported by the subscription plan. Free schools, however, were established soon after that time. As soon as old enough to use axe and hoe, he had to assist on the farm, and acquired a good knowledge of agriculture as then carried on. At the age of seventeen years he was converted, and on July 16, 1856, was licensed as a local preacher. He afterwards became assistant pastor to Rev. Andrew Carroll, presiding elder of the Portsmouth district, which included Perry Chapel, Coal Grove, Union Chapel, Mount Tabor, Windsor Chapel, Scott Town, Locust Grove of Marion, with headquarters at Burlington. In 1857 Mr. Dillon joined the Ohio Conference at Chillicothe, and continued active in the ministry for a full half century, having pastorates in Portsmouth, Gallipolis, Zanesville, Newark, Ironton, Columbus, Dela-

ware, London and Lancaster, and at other places. In addition Mr. Dillon was for eight years presiding elder in the Portsmouth district, and for two years presiding elder in the Gallipolis district. Since 1898 Mr. Dillon has made his home in Portsmouth.

On January 10, 1860, Mr. Dillon was united in marriage with Mary Catherine Cox, who was born on a farm at Sandy Springs, Adams County, Ohio, November 25, 1835, a daughter of Martin Cox. Her paternal grandfather, John Cox, a native of New Jersey, came with his family to Ohio in pioneer days, locating in Adams County, and having bought land near Sandy Springs was there employed in general farming the remainder of his life, paying but little attention to his trade of a millwright. Martin Cox was born August 10, 1811, and was but five years old when, in 1816, he was brought by his parents to Ohio. He was a natural mechanic, and having learned the trade of a carpenter was for several years engaged in the building of flat boats on the Ohio River. Subsequently buying land on the Ohio river bottoms near Sandy Springs, he became a tiller of the soil, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death at the age of seventy-eight years. The wife of Martin Cox, whose maiden name was Mary Catherine Murphy, was born near Sandy Springs in 1819, a daughter of Recompense and Catherine (Newkirk) Murphy, who in 1800, came from New Jersey to Ohio, and having bought wild land on the Ohio river bottoms engaged in farming. After settling near Sandy Springs, Mr. Murphy went back to his New Jersey home twice to settle his affairs, making the round trips on foot, and carrying his money in a satchel. Mr. Murphy lived to a good old age, and Mrs. Murphy was ninety-three years old when she died.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillon have reared five children, namely: Mary Catherine, Sarah Jane, John Grant, Edmund B., and Benjamin H. Mary C. is the widow of Morgan Mollohan. Sarah is the wife of Gilbert D. Wait, of whom a brief account is given elsewhere in this work. John Grant entered the Wait furniture factory as bookkeeper when young, and when it was incorporated was made secretary and treasurer, a position that he retained until his death, March 25, 1914. He married Essie Tynes, who, with their two children, Donald and Helen Louise, survive him. Edmund B., a lawyer by profession, is now judge of the Court of Common Pleas, at Columbus.

Harry S. Grimes. In the death of Harry S. Grimes March 7, 1915, Portsmouth lost one of its oldest and most successful business men and citizens. His enterprise, ability and integrity had reflected credit upon one of the native citizens of Scioto County. His interests were varied,

were associated with the development and growth of much that Portsmouth cherishes in its financial, business and social life.

His father, the late James Grimes, was born in Birmingham, England, which was the home of his ancestors as far back as is known, and he was the only member of the family to come to America. He learned the art of japanning metal in his native land, and on coming to the United States first followed his trade in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Coming from there to Ohio in 1836, he established a foundry in Portsmouth, and was engaged in the manufacture of stoves, also conducting the business of japanning, and continued a resident of the city until his death at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary A. Tobin, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, a daughter of William and Mary Tobin, and died in Portsmouth aged eighty-one years. She reared a family of ten children.

Acquiring a good education in the public schools of Portsmouth, Harry S. Grimes entered the employ of Miller & Regan as a clerk, and was afterwards similarly employed in the wholesale grocery of A. W. Buskirk, where he obtained a practical insight into business affairs. In 1873 he became an independent commission dealer in grain, flour and meals, and that was his chief work as a business man for a period of forty-two years until his death. One by one his earlier contemporaries passed away, and he witnessed an almost entire change in the personnel of the business and professional life of the city. Progressive and energetic, he was always among the foremost in the establishment of beneficial projects, and was prominent and influential in aiding the development and growth of this section of Scioto County.

His position as a business man is indicated by the fact that before his death he was serving as president of the Ohio Grain Dealers' Association, and was also at one time president of the Grain Dealers' National Association. He was a member, former president and one of the executive committee of the Ohio Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He served as president of the Portsmouth Commercial Club when that organization was an important factor in the upbuilding of the city, and had served as president of the Portsmouth Savings & Loan Association from its incorporation until his death, a period of about twenty-three years. Mr. Grimes was also the founder of the Washington Hotel. For eleven years he was a member of the State Board of Agriculture, serving one year as president of the board and one year as treasurer. In his home city he also gave some efficient service as a member of the city council, and for many years was a trustee of the Portsmouth Cemetery. He is affiliated with Portsmouth Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order

of Elks, in which he was past exalted ruler, and was a member and vestryman of All Saints' Episcopal Church.

On December 9, 1873, Mr. Grimes married Mary Vaughters, who was born on a farm in Nile Township, Scioto County, a daughter of John A. and Mary D. Vaughters. Mrs. Grimes survives her honored husband, and is the mother of three children: Shirley V.; Leah Pauline, wife of Harry E. Taylor, editor of the Portsmouth Times; and John A., who married Frances Coleman, and their three children are named Harry Coleman, Nancy Noyes and Mary Pauline.

Henry A. Schermann, M. D. A skillful and experienced physician and surgeon of Portsmouth, Henry A. Schermann, M. D., is a fine representative of the native born citizens of Scioto County, his birth having occurred in Portsmouth, January 27, 1879.

His father, the late George Jacob Schermann, was born, November 20, 1834, at Neiderhochstadt, Bavaria, Germany, a son of George Theobold and Margaret (Meller) Schermann. He attended school quite regularly throughout his boyhood and youth. In 1854 he emigrated to the United States, embarking at Havre de Grace, and after a sea voyage of forty-two days landing at New Orleans. Immediately joining relatives then living in St. Louis, Missouri, he soon apprenticed himself to a carriage maker to learn the trade, and while thus employed attended a night school, where he made a special study of languages, drawing and bookkeeping. In January, 1860, he went to Oklona, Mississippi, where he remained until the following August. There was much talk of war, especially after Lincoln's candidacy was announced, and he started north, going first to Cincinnati, Ohio, from there coming to Portsmouth the very last of that month. The ensuing four years he was in the employ of Metzger & Krecher, carriage makers, and then, in 1864, formed a partnership with William Angle, John Held and Fred Deutschie, under the firm name of Schermann & Company, and until 1878 was engaged in business as carriage builders and blacksmiths. In 1880 he embarked in the livery business, which he continued until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Augusta Kauffman, to whom he was married April 13, 1862. Of their union eight children were born, as follows: Kate, Emma, Lena, Charles, Alfred, Hattie, George, Henry A.

After his graduation from the Portsmouth High School with the class of 1897, Henry A. Schermann clerked for a time in a drug store. Turning his attention then to the study of medicine, for which he had a natural taste and inclination, he entered the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and was there graduated with

the degree of M. D. in 1902. Going then to Europe, Doctor Schermann continued his studies in Glasgow, Edinburg, London, Berlin, Vienna, Milan and Paris, imbibing knowledge and wisdom from some of the most noted and experienced physicians and surgeons of Europe. Returning home after a profitably spent year abroad, Doctor Schermann began the practice of his chosen profession at Portsmouth, where he has since remained, having built up an extensive and lucrative patronage.

Doctor Schermann married, in 1906, Edith Emeline Swinton, who was born in Ontario, Canada, a daughter of David and Agnes (Harricot) Swinton, who were of Scotch descent. The Doctor and Mrs. Schermann have three children, namely: Edith Gretchen, Mary Augusta, and Marion Elizabeth. The Doctor is a member of the Hempstead Academy of Medicine; of the Ohio State Medical Society; and of the American Medical Association. He is also surgeon for the Portsmouth Steel Company. In 1823 Dr. Giles S. B. Hempstead commenced a daily weather report, which he accurately kept until his death in 1858, when it was continued by Dr. D. Blatten until 1903, since which time Doctor Schermann has continued the record. This is one of the two oldest continuous weather reports in existence in the United States, and the Doctor is daily called upon for information regarding the weather during the period covered by the record. The Doctor was reared in the German Evangelical Church, and was confirmed in 1893, while Mrs. Schermann was brought up in the Presbyterian faith, and is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

William Alexander Givens. This is a name that was borne across the Alleghanies before the close of the Revolution, transplanted on the "dark and bloody ground" of Kentucky, and more than a century ago was established in Southern Ohio, where William A. Givens now represents it in the third generation. The family has been distinguished for productive endeavor and useful citizenship wherever found, and Mr. Givens has been prosperous in the management of land and is now a general merchant and highly esteemed citizen of Nile Township, Scioto County.

William Alexander Givens was born on the old Givens homestead February 10, 1854. His great-grandfather came out of the East, joined a few pioneers in Mason County, and there met death at the hands of the murderous Indians. He had married Mary Mitchell, whose father David Mitchell was born in the province of Pennsylvania in 1733, and was a soldier in the Revolution, being a private in Captain Erwin's company of Second Battalion, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania militia, and also a private in James Morrison's company, Col. Thomas Porter's

battalion. After her husband had been killed by the Indians Mary Givens married John McBride.

Judge William Givens, grandfather of William A., was born in Mason County, Kentucky, September 18, 1782, only a few weeks after his father had lost his life as above mentioned. He became one of the pioneer settlers of Scioto County, and from here removed to what is now Jackson County, and located on the present site of the City of Jackson. February 7, 1814, an act was passed by the Ohio Legislature appropriating money for the purpose of promoting the discovery of salt and the encouragement of its manufacture at the Scioto salt works, located on the present site of Jackson City. Judge Givens and others sank the first wells and manufactured the first salt on a commercial scale at that location. The Givens salt well is said to be still open. In other ways his enterprise was a feature of early Jackson County history. He erected a commodious two-story log mansion, and when the county was organized the courts held their first sessions in this house, which was also the first place of meeting for the county commissioners. The Legislature made him one of the three associate judges of Jackson County. Somewhat later, in 1826, he returned to Scioto County, and bought 301 acres of river bottom land, all of it then heavily timbered. Besides his service as associate judge in Jackson County he served as judge of the court of common pleas for that county and also for Scioto, and in 1818 was elected a member of the State Legislature.

Judge William Givens was twice married. His second wife and the mother of all his children was Rachel Stockham. Her name has associations with early times in Scioto County. William Stockham, her father, was a native of Wales, came to the United States in 1777, settling near Trenton, New Jersey, and there married Susanna Paine. In 1798 they moved out to the Northwest Territory, and made a home in Madison Township of Scioto County, where he died in 1815 and she survived until 1835. Rachel Stockham by her marriage to Judge Givens became the mother of eleven children, namely: William; David, who married Cynthia McCall; John, who married Elizabeth Collier; Samuel, George, Allen F., James Harvey, Cynthia, who married John McDermott; Jane, Mary, and Thomas J. Judge William Givens died June 26, 1863, and his wife on February 18, 1865. He was first a whig and later a republican, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Though books and libraries were very limited in his day, he had an exceptional private collection of the best standard literature and works of reference and was a thorough student.

William Givens, Jr., son of Judge Givens and father of William A., was born July 31, 1811, at Poplar Row, as the present site of the City

of Jackson was then known. While attending country school he also had some employment in the salt works of his father in Jackson County, and was fifteen years old when the family settled in the wilderness of Nile Township of Scioto County. He and his brothers, David and John, found some strenuous work in clearing off the timber from the bottom land acquired by their father. They operated a "wood landing" on the river bank and supplied great quantities of fuel to the passing steamboats, applying the money for the purchase of land. The woods were filled with all kinds of game, large and small, and it required only a healthful outdoor exertion to provide all the living necessities. The era of railroads had not yet dawned in this part of the country, and beside the river route the only transportation was by canal and stage. William Givens, Jr., was a man of great industry. After reaching his majority he engaged in farming on the old homestead, and also constructed a number of keel and flat-boats, which were in demand for river freighting, and often were sent south to New Orleans. His home remained in Nile Township until his death July 30, 1898, at the age of eighty-seven.

He married Elizabeth Elliot, a daughter of Benjamin and Isabella (McCann) Elliot. Both the Elliot and McCann families were Scotch, and among the pioneers in Scioto and Adams counties. Elizabeth Elliot was born in Scioto County February 12, 1814, and died October 11, 1899. She reared eight children: Cynthia G., who married Washington Cross; Sarah Ellen, who was married to R. A. Bryan; Mary Jane, who married M. Herdman; Martha S. became the wife of Rev. S. M. Donahue; Eliza C. married George Williamson; Margaret Isabel, David Craighten, and William A. Politically the late William Givens was first a whig and later followed the fortunes of the republican party from its organization until his death. He and his wife were among the strongest supporters of the Methodist Church in their community, and their home was headquarters for all circuit riders and all others who came from a distance to attend the meetings of the church.

William Alexander Givens, who thus had a sturdy and high-minded ancestry as the background of his career, grew up on the homestead in Nile Township, and acquired his education in what was well known as the Elm Tree Schoolhouse. He was trained to farming by his father, and for many years that was his exclusive occupation. His first independent venture was to rent the homestead for three years. Removing to Sandy Springs, in Adams County, for a time he rented the farm of his father-in-law until he purchased it. After seventeen years spent there he sold and bought the interests of the other heirs in the Givens homestead, and thus has the land acquired by his grandfather early in

the last century. Farming was the foundation of his abundant prosperity. In 1905 Mr. Givens bought the mercantile business from Samuel Thatcher, located on the Portsmouth and Buena Vista pike, about two miles from Buena Vista, and since then has been active as a merchant, and in 1911 was appointed postmaster and still holds that office. In the meantime he has also acquired the Squire McCall farm, one of the oldest places in the county.

October 24, 1877, Mr. Givens married Lucy H. Murphy. She was born in Adams County, a daughter of Recompense Sherry and Rachel (Kelly) Murphy, and a granddaughter of Recompense and Catherine (Newkirk) Murphy. Her father was a prosperous farmer, owned a large farm at Sandy Springs, and lived there until his death at the advanced age of eighty-five. The remains of himself and wife now rest in the Sandy Springs Cemetery of Adams County. Mr. and Mrs. Givens have reared five children: Lillie, Walter, Rachel, Lynn and Rhoda. Lillie married Clyde Dixon in 1915 and now lives in the old McCall property at McGraw P. O. Walter married Lydia Bridwell, and has two children, Margaret and Eugene. Rachel is the wife of Thomas Smith, and has a daughter Helen. Lynn married Mattie Aker, and their children are Robert, Dillon and Dorothy. Rhoda is the wife of Howard Davidson. Mr. Givens and wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Samuel Bierly. The late Samuel Bierly, who died at his home in Portsmouth, Scioto County, on the 19th of April, 1905, was a man whose sincerity, kindliness and intrinsic nobility of character gained to him the high regard of those with whom he came in contact in the various relations of life and his active career was marked by worthy achievement along normal and beneficent lines of enterprise.

Though a native of Buckhannan, West Virginia, where he was born in the year 1846, Mr. Bierly passed the major part of his life in Scioto County. He was a son of Joseph and Sara (Tolley) Bierly, both natives of Pennsylvania and representatives of staunch old families of the historic German element that has been most prominent and influential in the annals of that great commonwealth of the American Union. From Pennsylvania the parents of Mr. Bierly finally came to Ohio and they passed the closing years of their lives on their homestead farm in Scioto County, having been residents of this county for many years prior to their death. Samuel Bierly, the subject of this memoir, acquired his early education in the public schools and as a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he became an expert artisan. He followed his trade for several years and after his marriage finally established

his residence on a farm that had been purchased by him, this property being in Clay Township, Scioto County. He proved a progressive and successful agriculturist and after devoting a number of years to farming he removed to the city of Portsmouth, where he thereafter lived virtually retired until his death.

Mr. Bierly was a man of high ideals and broad mental ken, was loyal and public-spirited as a citizen and though he never manifested aught of ambition for political office he gave unwavering allegiance to the cause of the republican party. He was a consistent and earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also his widow, who still resides in Portsmouth, and in the time-honored Masonic fraternity he was affiliated with the following named organizations in Portsmouth: Aurora Lodge, No. 48, Free and Accepted Masons; Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 23, Royal Arch Masons, and Calvary Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templars.

On the 19th of September, 1877, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bierly to Miss Lora E. Salladay, who was born and reared in Clay Township, Scioto County, and who is a daughter of John M. and Martha (Hayward) Salladay, members of old and influential pioneer families of this county. Concerning the interesting history of the Salladay family and incidentally that also of the Hayward family, adequate data are given on other pages of this publication, in the sketch of Mrs. Bierly's brother, George M. Salladay, of Portsmouth, so that further review is not demanded in the present connection. Mrs. Bierly was a resident of Scioto County from the time of her birth, here received excellent educational advantages and here was a most popular representative of a family that was founded in the county in the year 1800, when Ohio was made an independent territory, with boundaries nearly the same as that of the present state. Mrs. Samuel Bierly was prominent and popular in the representative social activities of her home city, zealous in church, charitable and benevolent work was known as a most gracious chatelaine of her hospitable home. She died March 13, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Bierly are survived by two children, Sarah M. and Stewart S. Sarah M. is now the wife of George Gaines, who is engaged in the grocery business at Portsmouth, and they have one son, Stewart. Stewart S. Bierly is a resident of Portsmouth, Ohio, where he is engaged in farming. He married Miss Emma Putzek, and they have two children, Lora Augusta and Dorothy May.

LeRoy F. Smith. Besides a relationship with several of the pioneer families of Southern Ohio, LeRoy F. Smith has made his own career a source of benefit to his community, and through nearly half a century

has been pursuing the steady industry of agriculture and owns one of the very attractive farmsteads of Washington Township in Scioto County. Mr. Smith is also a member of the board of trustees of his home township, and when his friends and neighbors have asked his co-operation in any movement which meant better living and more advantages to the community, his assistance has never been withheld.

LeRoy F. Smith was born in what is now Rush Township of Scioto County, August 23, 1846, a son of Peter J. Smith, who was born near the Virginia line in the State of Maryland. Grandfather William Smith was one of the early settlers of Washington Township, Scioto County, and from the date of his coming some member of the family has been connected with the worthy and progressive activities of this section. William Smith was buried in the cemetery at Dry Run. He married a Miss Hoskinson, whose father was a native of Maryland and one of the pioneers of Adams County, Ohio.

Peter J. Smith was only a child when his parents came to Ohio and located in Washington Township. That was about eighty years ago, and few of the present generation can appreciate all the changes which have come over the country since then. Scioto County was in the midst of the heavy woods, abounding in wild game, and the era of both canals and railroads was still in the future. As a young man he did some work during the construction of the canal through his home locality. His career, which was comparatively brief, since he died in the prime of life in 1853, was mainly identified with farming. He bought land extending along both sides of the Galena Pike, and including a considerable stretch of the fertile acres lying in the bottoms of the Scioto River. When he took possession the improvements consisted of a substantial two-story hewed log house, with about 100 acres cleared and ready for cultivation.

Peter J. Smith married Rebecca Moore, of a family that was among the first in Ohio when it was a part of Northwest Territory. She was born in Nile Township of Scioto County. Her father, Firman Moore, was born at the historic Town of Boonesboro, Kentucky, in 1790. His father was the Rev. Joseph Moore, a native of New Jersey, whence he emigrated to Kentucky when it was an almost uninhabited wilderness. He was with a party that crossed the ridge of the Alleghanies, and on reaching the Ohio River embarked on flatboats. In the course of the voyage they were attacked by Indians and some of them killed, but Reverend Moore escaped and made his way to Boonesboro, where for some time he lived in the fort. After the treaty of peace with the Indians, he crossed the Ohio into Northwest Territory, and found a home in what is now Adams County, being one of the first white men to rear the structure of civilization in that locality. A local preacher, he or-

ganized a Methodist society in Adams County, and built a log church, which in the annals of Methodism is supposed to have been the first church of this denomination in Ohio. It was built very substantially, and stood for many years, being known as Moore's Chapel. While he was zealous and active in church work, he made his living like most of the pioneers by wringing a subsistence from the soil. He bought land six miles west of Manchester, and made his home there while he preached in several localities. When this useful life came to a close, his remains were laid to rest on his farm.

Firman Moore, who was brought to Ohio in infancy, grew up on the farm just mentioned, and though trained to agricultural pursuits spent many years of his manhood in another line of business. With his brother Joseph he opened a stone quarry at Buena Vista. The stone was loaded on flatboats, constructed from the native timber, was floated down the currents of the various rivers, and finally sold in southern cities, the timbers of the boats being sold at the same time. The transaction completed, and with the proceeds in his pocket, he would return as best he could, sometimes by an upriver boat, but very often walking all the way across a region infested with Indians and outlaws. After conditions had changed to make the stone business less profitable, he bought a farm on the Buena Vista Pike, and made his home there until the close of the Civil war. Having sold his land he removed to Mercer County, Illinois, where he died in his ninety-third year. Both he and his brother Joseph had seen active service in the War of 1812. Firman Moore married Anna Worley, who died several years prior to her husband. Mrs. Peter J. Smith, who died in 1896, was a member of the Methodist Church, her husband being of like faith. They reared four children, named William Firman, LeRoy F., John D. and Joseph C.

LeRoy F. Smith recollects Scioto County during the years before the war, at which time he was living with his widowed mother on the farm, and besides giving his assistance where he was able to keeping up the homestead was also attending the local schools. He was only six years old when his father died, and has known the value and necessity of honest toil from an early age. His own career began as farmer on rented land, but after three years, by thrift and economy, he was able to purchase a farm of his own, and has since lived in Washington Township on the Galena Pike. Part of his farm is in the Scioto River bottoms, while the land about the house and barns extends well up the ridge of hills overlooking the river, affording an attractive and healthful location for a home. He has erected a set of substantial farm buildings, and has effected many other improvements that add to the value of the farm.

In 1869 Mr. Smith married Miss Hattie Bradford. She was born in

Washington Township, a daughter of Cornelius Bradford. The latter was a native of Wilmington, Delaware, but in young manhood came to Ohio, locating in Washington Township, where he improved a farm on Hygean Run and lived there many years. Late in life he went to California, and spent his last days in Oakland. Cornelius Bradford married Emily Dollarheid, who died in early life, and her daughter, Mrs. Smith, was reared by the stepmother. Mrs. Smith died January 19, 1912. Her four children are Joseph O., Howard, Mary and Walter. The church in which Mr. and Mrs. Smith have worshipped many years is the Old Town Methodist Episcopal, in which he has long served as a trustee and as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Ray Dever. In the farming district of the Hanging Rock Iron Region are many prosperous and progressive men who believe that the happiest life as well as the most independent one is to be lived on the farm. Prominent among these is Ray Dever, of Clay Township, in Scioto County. Mr. Dever is proprietor of the Hillside Fruit Farm, comprising 100 acres of land, all well improved, five miles northeast of Portsmouth. Mr. Dever has spent all his life in this community, is known as an excellent farmer and a man who can be depended upon in matters of local welfare.

Ray Dever was born in Madison Township of Scioto County, February 12, 1881, a son of Kendall and Matilda (Moagey) Dever. Both parents were natives of Madison Township, and represent old families in this county. The father was born in 1857 and died in October, 1912, and the mother was born in 1867 and died October 23, 1912. There were only two children, and the daughter, Stella M., is a graduate of the Harrisonville public schools and is now the wife of Dr. W. A. Ray of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Ray Dever was reared on a farm in Madison Township, and while gaining his education in the public schools up to the time he was eighteen years of age, also was trained in the industry which he has since followed as his life vocation. Mr. Dever was married March 1, 1903, to Ida McDaniel, who was born and reared on a farm in Madison Township, and likewise obtained her education from the public schools. They are the parents of three children: Ilo G., born February 7, 1904; Garnet, born August 23, 1906; and Edison, born September 23, 1907. In politics Mr. Dever is a republican.

Charles H. Clemmons. Conducting a prosperous general merchandise business at Davis, in Clay Township, Scioto County, where he holds also the position of postmaster of the office designated as George, Mr.

Clemmons is a representative of a family whose name has long been identified with the civic and industrial interests of this county, his father being still numbered among the representative citizens of Valley Township, where he is the owner of a well improved farm, his wife being deceased.

Charles H. Clemmons, a son of John W. Clemmons, was born in Valley Township, Scioto County, on the 12th of January, 1877, his father being a native of Pike County, this State. Of the seven children, Charles H. is the eldest of the four now living; Grover C. is engaged in the general merchandise business at Mechanicsburg, Champaign County; Pearl is the wife of Glenn Mayo, of Mechanicsburg; and Emma remains at the paternal home.

The public schools afforded to Charles H. Clemmons his early educational advantages and he was graduated in the Scioto Township High School, in Pike County, as a member of the class of 1897, after which he attended the normal school at Piketon, that county, and prepared himself for effective service as a teacher. After devoting two years to teaching in the schools of Pike County he engaged in the general merchandise business on Miller's Run, where he remained two years, since which time he has conducted a well equipped general store at Davis, or Davis Station, this place having been his place of residence since February, 1901. In politics Mr. Clemmons is a stalwart prohibitionist and he has held the position of postmaster at George since 1901. Both he and his wife are members of the Valley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, and at Lucasville he is affiliated with Lucasville Lodge, No. 465, Free & Accepted Masons, and with the Council No. 263, Improved Order of Red Men, of which he is past sachem and which he has represented in the grand council of Ohio.

In 1898 Mr. Clemmons wedded Miss Hattie Burns, who was reared and educated in Scioto County, and they have four children—Claude, Ethel, Ruth and Eileen.

John Hodge. As a native son and representative agriculturist of Scioto County, Mr. Hodge is entitled to recognition in this publication. He is the owner of a fine farm in Nile Township, and special interest attaches to this fact by reason of its being the old homestead on which he was born and on which his honored father likewise had stood exponent of industry and successful achievement in connection with the development and progress of agricultural interests of this favored section of the old Buckeye State.

On the farm which is now his home John Hodge was born on the 17th of February, 1869, and he is a son of Stephen and Sarah (Cooper)

Hodge, the former of whom was born in West Virginia and the latter in the Brush Creek section of Adams County, Ohio. Stephen Hodge was a son of William and Phoebe (Cooper) Hodge, who came in an early day to Scioto County, where they resided for a time at Portsmouth, after which Mr. Hodge purchased a tract of land on Pine Run, where he reclaimed a farm and passed the remainder of his life, his wife having preceded him to eternal rest. Stephen Hodge was a young man at the time of the family removal to Scioto County, and here he eventually bought a farm on Upper Twin Creek, in Nile Township, his original purchase having been a portion of the well improved homestead now owned by his son John, of this review. He put forth much energy and ability in the reclamation and development of his farm, was a loyal and valued citizen of Nile Township and commanded unqualified popular esteem in the community. He continued to reside on his homestead farm until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-five years of age. His wife was born in the year 1831 and still resides in Scioto County, one of the venerable pioneer women of the township that has long represented her home and in which her circle of friends is limited only by that of her acquaintances. She celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday anniversary in 1915 and retains in a remarkable degree her mental and physical powers. Thomas Cooper, father of Mrs. Sarah Hodge, was one of the earliest settlers of Nile Township, Scioto County, where he purchased a tract of heavily timbered land, on Twin Creek, this section having been at the time little more than an untrammeled wilderness and land having been placed at an average valuation of $1.25 an acre. After clearing a portion of his land Thomas Cooper sold the property and removed to Adams County, where he developed a farm and passed the residue of his life. He was a son of Samuel and Nancy (Groom) Cooper, who were numbered among the sterling pioneers of Scioto County, where they continued to reside on their pioneer farm, on Brush Creek, until the close of their lives, Mrs. Nancy (Groom) Cooper having been born in Adams County, this state and having been a daughter of John Groom, one of the first settlers of that county.

Mrs. Sarah (Cooper) Hodge recalls in pleasing reminiscence many scenes and incidents touching the pioneer days in this part of Ohio. As a girl she learned to card and spin wool, as the housewife of the day thus made provision for the making of the clothing for the family, and she remembers well when the yawning fireplace served in lieu of a stove, both for warming and cooking purposes. This venerable woman became the mother of nine children, of whom three are now living.

John Hodge early began to lend his aid in the work of the home farm and his were the educational advantages afforded by the rural schools of

the day. He has never severed his allegiance to the great fundamental industry of agriculture and he now owns the farm that was the original place of settlement of his paternal grandfather and which later became the property of his father. Mr. Hodge has made excellent improvements on the old homestead and is one of the progressive and substantial farmers of his native county. Though never a seeker of public office he is loyal and liberal as a citizen and is aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party.

In the year 1910 Mr. Hodge wedded Miss Ollie Cooper, who likewise was born and reared in Nile Township, and who is a daughter of Robert and Sarah Cooper. Mr. and Mrs. Hodge have three children, Eliza, Ray and John.

James R. Hemphill. Not long can well directed energy and good judgment applied to the great industry of agriculture fail to show results that may be noted by even the casual observer, and this is distinctly in evidence in connection with the career of Mr. Hemphill as one of the ambitious and representative farmers of Scioto County, where he maintains his residence on one of the many fine farms of Nile Township.

Mr. Hemphill was born in Adams County, Ohio, on the 10th of June, 1875, and is the only son of Thomas H. and Isabella (Elliott) Hemphill. Thomas Holmes Hemphill was born in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of January, 1831, and died February 10, 1915. He was a son of Matthew H. Hemphill, who was born in the north of Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and who immigrated to America when a young man. Matthew H. Hemphill established his residence in Philadelphia, where he remained until 1839, when he and his family set forth for Ohio, the long overland journey having been made with a team of horses and a large covered wagon, in which vehicle were transported also the household effects. After arriving in Scioto County they passed six months at Portsmouth, and they then continued their pioneer journey into Adams County. There Matthew H. Hemphill purchased a tract of timber land in the locality known as "Tranquility." On his land was a log house and a log barn, of the type common to the pioneer days, and a small clearing had been made on the embryonic farm. He reclaimed much of his land to cultivation and on this homestead he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives.

Thomas H. Hemphill was reared to manhood on the pioneer farmstead just mentioned and his entire active career has been one of close and successful identification with agricultural pursuits. He remained a resident of Adams County until 1880, when he removed to Scioto County and became one of the successful farmers of the Twin Creek District of

Nile Township, where he and his wife still reside, his son James R., of this review, being associated with him in the work and management of the farm. Thomas H. Hemphill first married Miss Paulina A. Collins, and upon her death she was survived by three children, Etta Margaret, Mary S. and David Steele, the last mentioned of whom is now deceased. For his second wife Mr. Hemphill wedded Miss Isabella Elliott, who was born on a farm near Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, in 1841, and died September 14, 1915. She was a daughter of John Elliott, who was born in Pennsylvania and whose father, William Elliott, likewise was a native of the Keystone State, and a representative of a pioneer Scotch-Irish family of that historic old commonwealth. William Elliott was numbered among the early settlers in Clinton County, Ohio, where he reclaimed and improved a farm on Lee's Creek and where he passed the remainder of his life. John Elliott continued his residence in Clinton County until 1854, after which he passed two years in Adams County, and in 1856 he numbered himself among the substantial agriculturists of Nile Township, Scioto County, where his death occurred in 1881. He married Miss Nancy Elliott, who was born and reared in Scioto County, a daughter of Benjamin and Isabella (McCann) Elliott, and she was sixty-five years of age at the time of her demise.

James R. Hemphill is the only child of his father's second marriage and the only surviving son, his half-brother, David S., having died at the age of nineteen years. Mr. Hemphill was about five years old at the time of the family removal to Scioto County, and here he was reared to adult age on the farm which is still his home, his early education having been acquired in the well known Elm Tree School, in Nile Township. He continued to reside with his parents until their death and to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits, with a well established reputation as one of the progressive and representative farmers of the younger generation in Scioto County. On the home farm special attention is given to the raising of corn and tobacco. He is a republican in politics and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, his parents holding membership in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, the adherents of which are frequently designated as Covenanters.

On the 22d of December, 1898, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hemphill to Miss Emma F. Jeffers, who was born in Lewis County, Kentucky. Her father, Henry Jeffers, was born at Steubenville, Ohio, a son of Henry F. Jeffers, who later removed to Lewis County, Kentucky, where he passed the remainder of his life. Henry Jeffers, father of Mrs. Hemphill, was ten years of age at the time of the family removal to Kentucky, and he passed the rest of his life in Lewis County, that state,

his death having occurred in the Village of Carrs, when he was sixty-six years of age. He wedded Miss Ann Stratton, who was born and reared in Kentucky, as was also her father, Thompson Stratton, the latter having been a son of Aaron Stratton, who was a pioneer of the old Bluegrass State, where he was a contemporary and associate of Daniel Boone, the historic frontiersman. After the death of her husband Mrs. Ann (Stratton) Jeffers came to Ohio, where her death occurred about two years later. Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill have four children: Holmes, Julia Belle, Keith Jeffers, and Mary Margaret.

Mrs. Nora Jones Briggs. The Jones, Williamson and Briggs families, all represented by Mrs. Briggs of Washington Township in Scioto County, have many interesting and useful relations with this section of Ohio, covering a century or more in time. Love of land, peace and industry have been marked characteristics in the various generations, and as the earlier members suffered and toiled to establish homes in the wilderness, so those of later and easier times have continued to uphold and increase the virtues with which the names have always been associated.

Herself born in Washington Township, Mrs. Briggs is a daughter of Luther R. Jones, who was born in Stafford County, Virginia, in 1840. His father, George Jones, was a native of Virginia, came to Ohio in an early day and bought a farm three miles from Wilmington, which was his home till death. He married Lucinda Fallis, who died in middle life, and her parents were early settlers in the vicinity of Wilmington and spent their last days there.

When only a youth, Luther R. Jones left the old home and came to Scioto County to make his home with his sister, Mrs. Minerva I. Bailey, of Washington Township. Soon after the breaking out of the Civil war, he enlisted in Company E of the Thirty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was with the regiment in its various movements and engagements until the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky, in 1862, where he was severely wounded in the left leg. He lay on the battlefield some time unattended, and then summoning all his resolution he arose, took two muskets, and set out for the front. Again he was hit, this time in the right leg, which completely disabled him. He lay on the field among the wounded, dying and dead for two days, and was then taken to shelter and received surgical attention. Some friends came and took him home. From one leg fifty-two pieces of bone were taken, and he was unable to walk for eighteen months. That was the end of his military service, and his wounds brought him a discharge with all honors. However, he lived to the age of sixty-five, and met death by accident in Russelville, in 1905.

Luther R. Jones married Louisa J. Williamson, of one of the first

families in Scioto County. She was born on a farm at Dry Run in Washington Township. Thomas Williamson, her father, was also born in Scioto County. His father, Joseph Williamson, was probably born in New Jersey, and coming west became one of the first settlers in Scioto County, where he secured a tract of Government land near the mouth of the Scioto River in Washington Township. He died in 1812. The maiden name of his wife was Martha Feust. Thomas Williamson spent his active years as a farmer, and owned a farm extending along both sides of the Galena Pike. His own efforts resulted in the clearing up of a large amount of land, and his later years were spent in comfort. When the Old Town Methodist Church was organized in 1837, he was one of its trustees. Thomas Williamson married Lucinda Ord, who was the grandmother of Mrs. Briggs. She died at the age of thirty-six. For his second wife he married Druzilla Smith, who survived him a few years.

Mrs. Briggs was the only child who grew up. Her mother died in 1891. In Washington Township, where are all the associations of her childhood and youth, and where she was educated, she married February 26, 1890, Aaron A. Briggs.

Mr. Briggs was born in Clay Township, Scioto County, November 29, 1863. His father, John K. Briggs, was born October 6, 1826, on the old Briggs homestead on the Chillicothe Pike, a farm now included in the City of Portsmouth. The grandfather, Samuel Clingman Briggs, was born in Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, May 25, 1794, a son of John and Hannah (Clingman) Briggs. Hannah Clingman was a daughter of John Michael Clingman, a soldier of the Revolution and one of the first settlers in Portsmouth. Samuel C. Briggs came to Portsmouth in 1815, making his home for a time with his uncle, Aaron Kinney. When All Saints Church was organized June 23, 1817, he was one of the signers of its constitution, and was confirmed as a member of that church in 1820. Later his membership was transferred to the Bigelow Methodist Episcopal Church, in which for a number of years he was steward and trustee. His home until his death was the old Briggs farm. The second wife of this old pioneer was Rebecca Timbrook, the grandmother of Aaron A. Briggs. She died in 1840 and her husband in 1860. John Kinney Briggs moved out to Washington Township in 1861, and was successfully engaged in farming until his death on November 27, 1893. He had three wives. The mother of Aaron Briggs was Mary Miller, who died November 14, 1865. Her children were Louisa, who died in childhood; Laura, who died at the age of sixteen; Aaron A.; Margaret, widow of Dr. George W. Osborn; Charles C.; and Frank.

Aaron Briggs had the substantial training of a farmer boy, with an education in the rural schools, and it was to the vocation of farming that he paid his life's tribute of productive labor. In 1890 he located on the farm now occupied by Mrs. Briggs, the old Williamson homestead, and lived there until his death in 1906. The first wife of Mr. Briggs was Sabrina Cole, daughter of George W. Cole. At her death on November 24, 1888, she left two sons, Alfred M. and Frank A.

Mrs. Briggs has three daughters, Margaret, Beulah and Helen. With her children she occupies the fine old Williamson estate, which is to a degree her own ancestral domain. Its lands border the Galena Pike on both sides, and the house is located on high grounds, overlooking the Scioto Valley with a view of the hills beyond.

Francis A. Swearingen. One of the many beautiful rural homes of Scioto County is that owned by Mr. Swearingen, this idyllic place being situated on a side-hill overlooking the Ohio Valley and its picturesque surrounding hills, and the farm comprising 218 acres of most fertile and productive land, in Nile Township. The house on the place is a fine old mansion that is now equipped with modern facilities and accessories, and is on an excellent turnpike road extending from Portsmouth to Buena Vista. The property was purchased by Mr. Swearingen in 1908 and here he and his wife are living in peace and comfort, independent and prosperous, esteemed by all who know them and with virtually influences and environment that would do justice to the old patriarchal regime, as all of their children save one live within ready telephone communication and thus the venerable parents are favored in having about them their children and their children's children, their devoted companionship having covered a period of nearly half a century and both being representatives of honored pioneer families of this section of the old Buckeye State.

Though he claims the fine Bluegrass State as the place of his nativity, Mr. Swearingen has been a resident of Southern Ohio from his early childhood and for many years he has stood as one of the substantial and prominent representatives of the basic industries of agriculture and stockgrowing in this section of the state, besides which his is the distinction of having been one of the gallant young Ohio patriots who rendered valiant service as soldiers in the Civil war. He is well known in Adams and Scioto counties and after years of earnest and fruitful endeavor, he and his wife find themselves compassed by most benignant and grateful influences and environment in the gracious twilight of their lives.

Francis Asbury Swearingen was born on a farm in Lewis County,

Kentucky, on the 4th of January, 1846, and as this is one of the Kentucky counties lying directly across the Ohio River, his present home is not far removed from the place of his nativity. He is a son of John and Mary (Loveland) Swearingen, the former of whom was born in Lewis County, Kentucky, on the 1st of December, 1821, and the latter of whom was born in Scioto County, Ohio, where her father, Horace Loveland, was a pioneer settler. John Swearingen was a son of Marmaduke and Mary (Stratton) Swearingen, his father having been a native of Pennsylvania and having immigrated thence to Kentucky in an early day, to become a pioneer of Lewis County, where he reclaimed a farm to effective cultivation and where both he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives.

John Swearingen was reared to adult age in his native county, where he was afforded the advantages of the pioneer schools. At the age of eighteen years he crossed over the Ohio River to Scioto County, Ohio, and here, in 1841, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Mary Loveland. Soon afterward he returned to Lewis County, Kentucky, and there he and his wife continued to reside until 1850, when they established their home on a farm in Adams County, Ohio. Six years later they removed to Scioto County, and Mr. Swearingen purchased a farm in Nile Township,—the fine bottom lands of the Ohio River Valley. Here he developed one of the productive and valuable farms of this specially opulent section of Southern Ohio, and on the old homestead both he and his wife continued to reside until their death, each having attained to the venerable age of eighty-seven years. Both were earnest and zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and their Christian faith was exemplified in their daily lives. Kindliness, consideration and helpfulness marked their course, and their names and memories are held in lasting honor in the county that long represented their home. Mr. Swearingen was a man of strong mentality and well fortified convictions, was influential in public affairs of local order, and served several years as trustee of Nile Township. As a devout and consistent churchman he filled for a number of years official positions in the Methodist Church in which he and his wife held membership, in Nile Township. He was treasurer of the church and also served as classleader. These honored pioneers reared a family of five children, namely: Francis A., Alpha, Laura A., John W. and Anna.

Francis A. Swearingen was a child of four years at the time of his parents' removal from Lewis County, Kentucky, to Adams County, Ohio, and about ten years old when the family home was established in Scioto County. His early educational discipline was obtained in the common schools of the locality and period and he continued to be actively asso-

ciated in the work and management of the homestead farm until he responded to the call of higher duty and tendered his aid in defense of the Union.

On the 26th of August, 1862, when but sixteen years of age, Mr. Swearingen enlisted as a private in Company H, Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and as a youthful patriot and faithful and efficient soldier he made an admirable record in connection with his service in the ranks of one of Ohio's gallant regiments. With his command he participated in many of the important engagements marking the progress of the great conflict between the North and the South, and in campaigns and battles he lived up to the full tension of the great struggle. He was with his regiment in Sherman's memorable Atlanta campaign and the subsequent march to the sea, and in this connection took part in the historic battles of Kenesaw Mountain, Resaca, and Dalton, the siege and capture of Atlanta, and in the ever memorable march of Sherman's forces to the seaboard and thence up through the Carolinas to Washington, where Mr. Swearingen had the distinction of participating in the grand review of the jaded but victorious Union forces at the close of the war. He received his honorable discharge, at Louisville, Kentucky, on the 19th of July, 1865, and then returned to his home. Mr. Swearingen served during virtually the entire war and the more gracious memories and associations of his military career are vitalized through his active affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic.

During the long intervening years Mr Swearingen has been continuously and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits in Scioto County, and he has been one of the progressive and vigorous representatives of this line of industrial enterprise in this section of the state. His present attractive and valuable homestead was purchased by him in 1908, as previously noted in this context. He has been one of the world's productive workers, his course has been guided and governed by the highest principles of integrity and honor, and he and his wife having impregnable place in the confidence and good will of all who knew them. They are zealous members of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church at Pond Run and in politics, though never a seeker of public office, Mr. Swearingen is a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party.

On the 31st of October, 1866, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Swearingen, the sturdy "young veteran" of the recent Civil war, to Miss Sarah J. Grimm, and with abiding love and sympathy they have since remained in devoted companionship, the while they have reared their children to lives of rectitude and usefulness and have not been denied their full reward in filial affection and solicitude. Mrs. Swear-

ingen was born in Wirt County, West Virginia, and is a daughter of Michael and Susan (Edwards) Grimm, the former of whom was born in Jackson County, that state, and the latter in Monroe County, she having been a daughter of Lewis and Mary Edwards. Peter Grimm, father of Michael, was a prosperous farmer of Jackson County, West Virginia, and it is supposed that he there passed his entire life. Michael Grimm was reared and educated in his native county and continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits in West Virginia until 1865, when he came with his family to Scioto County, Ohio, and purchased a farm on Pond Run, Nile Township, where both he and his wife passed the residue of their lives, he having attained to the age of seventy years and his widow having been seventy-six years of age at the time of her death. Their seven children were: Mary, Nancy, John, Sarah J., Allen, Charles and Homer. Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen likewise have reared seven children, and in the concluding paragraph of this review are given brief data concerning them.

Ulysses Grant married Miss Anna Evans and they have four children—Mildred, Robert, Loa and Ray. Emma is the wife of William R. Punteney and they have four children—Frank S., Minnie, George H., and Ruth. Mary is the wife of Andrew B. Turner and they have three children—Amy, Mabel, and Albert. Michael wedded Miss Sarah Odell. John T. married Miss Alice Odell and they have three children—Lawrence, Lois, and Walter. Ira married Miss Bessie Hall and they have three children—Wilber, Ray, and Isabella. Kate is the wife of Albert Arn and they have four children—Ray, Eugene, Helen, and Margaret.

John S. Rapp. Out on Galena Pike in Washington Township can be found some striking evidences of the enterprise of John S. Rapp in a fine farm homestead and several platted and improved additions to the Village of Nauvoo. Mr. Rapp represents a substantial element of German stock that has been identified with the Ohio Valley for over a century, and his own methodical and careful management has placed him in a position beyond want and to command the entire respect of a community.

John S. Rapp was born in Beaver Township of Pike County, Ohio, June 26, 1854, a son of Christian Rapp and grandson of Frederick Rapp, both of whom were born in Wuertemberg in Southern Germany. A kinsman of the grandfather was George Rapp, the leader of a religious society that opposed the Roman Catholic Church, who was finally compelled by persecution to come to the United States in 1802 to seek a location for himself and followers in the land of freedom. Having fixed on a location eighteen miles below Pittsburg, he returned

to his native land and in 1803 led across the Atlantic some six hundred of his followers, many of whose descendants still live in the vicinity first occupied by this religious colony. Grandfather Frederick Rapp himself came to the United States in 1827, spending about three months on a slow-going sail vessel. Landing at New York he went overland to Pittsburg, where his family and possessions were embarked on a river boat, and came down the Ohio and first located in Muskingum County. While living there he made several trips to Portsmouth, passing through Pike County, and finally concluded to establish a home in the latter county. A tract of Government land was bought in what is now Beaver Township, and the first home was a double log house. That was his home till his death when about seventy years old, and in the meantime his work had brought about the improvement and cultivation of many acres. Energy was his marked characteristic, and with the increase of possessions he finally had about five hundred acres. The seven children he reared were Frederick, Christian, Michael, Louis, Jacob, John and Catherine.

Christian Rapp, the father, was about eight years old when the family crossed the ocean to America. He had the advantages of training afforded by residence in a new country, somewhat limited as to book learning but every incentive to practical labor. After reaching manhood he left the home place and bought 100 acres in Beaver Township, paying $900. It had some frame buildings and a considerable acreage cleared, and was located an eighth of a mile from the Village of Beaver. A few years later, having sold this farm at an advance, he moved to Scioto Township in Jackson County and bought and occupied the farm on which he died when seventy-eight years of age. The wife of Christian Rapp was Mary Spangler, a native of Germany. Her father, John Spangler, came to America about 1830, and spent the rest of his years in Beaver Township. His daughter, Mrs. Rapp, lived to the age of seventy-five, and reared ten children, named Peter, John S., Louis, Henry, Christian, Charles, Joseph, Catherine, Lena and Anna.

John S. Rapp spent his youthful days in Pike and Jackson counties, and while attending school worked for his father until twenty-one. He had little with which to make a start for himself, and consequently was a renter for a number of years. His home was on the Sargent farm near Piketon nine years, and on coming to Scioto County in 1886 he rented a place on Dry Run. Prosperity smiled on his efforts, and in 1900 he purchased the Calvert farm on the Galena Pike in Washington Township. The same year he had surveyed and platted sixty lots which are recorded as Rapp's addition to Nauvoo. In 1906

he put on a second addition, containing fifty-four lots, followed by a third addition of thirty-two lots in 1911, and since then a fourth, also with thirty-two lots, in 1915 he added a fifth addition of 120 lots, and in this year he has added to his farm holdings a forty-acre tract, which is to be cut in one-acre lots. The property is very happily located on the side hill overlooking the Scioto and Ohio valleys, and Mr. Rapp has proved very successful as a real estate operator. For a period of twenty-four years the direction taken by his farm enterprise was dairying, but in recent years he followed the lines of general agriculture.

In 1877 Mr. Rapp married Elizabeth Ober. She was born in Beaver Township of Pike County. Both her father, John, and her grandfather, Frank Ober, were natives of Germany, and came to the United States about 1830 and locating in Beaver Township, where the grandfather improved a farm. John Ober, seven years old when brought to America, was reared and trained as a farmer, and having inherited a portion of the estate finally bought the interests of the other heirs and had a large and valuable farm on which he lived till death and reared his family. Mrs. Rapp's mother was Hannah Elizabeth Renner, born in Germany. Frederick Renner, her father, was well educated and taught school in his native land, and on coming to America located in Jackson County, which remained his home until his death at the age of sixty-one, his widow surviving to the advanced time of eighty-one years. A grandson named Fred Renner now occupies the old homestead. Mrs. Rapp's mother after being reared and educated in Germany came to America at the age of twenty-one, preceding her parents, and coming down the Ohio landed at Portsmouth, then a small town, and proceeded on to Piketon. She died at the age of sixty-one, while John Ober passed away when seventy-two. Mrs. Rapp was one of a family of six daughters and one son, namely: Mary, Elizabeth, Caroline, Catherine, Christina, John and Lena.

Mr. Rapp is the father of a family of six sturdy and industrious sons—John E., Joseph W., Harry F., Howard E., Ralph R. and Stanley E. John married Sadie Williamson. Joseph W. married Rhoda A. Barbee, and their four children are Hazel E., Mary L., Pearl E. and Harry W. Harry F., who is a practicing physician, married Lida C. Williams. Howard married Viola Eulitt, and has a daughter named Gwendolyn.

While a good business man Mr. Rapp has not neglected the interests of the community and is a member of the board of trustees of the township. He and wife belong to Old Town Methodist Episcopal Church.

CHARLES C. BRIDWELL. As president of the Portsmouth College of Business, at Portsmouth, Ohio, Charles C. Bridwell is officially connected with one of the leading educational institutions of the kind in this section of the state. The school is well equipped with all the modern apparatus necessary for giving instruction in the required branches of study, and its many students are especially trained for business pursuits. A native of Scioto County, Mr. Bridwell was born in Nile Township, a son of William Bridwell, and grandson of James Bridwell, both of whom were born in Ohio.

His great grandfather, Thomas Bridwell, was born and bred in Virginia. Coming from there to Ohio when young, he became a pioneer of Adams County. He first bought a tract of timber one and one-half miles south of Jacktown, and after living there several seasons moved to Nile Township, Scioto County, where he bought land, improved a farm, and was there engaged in tilling the soil until his death, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was Lydia Jordan, survived him, and with her youngest son moved to Ironton, where she spent her closing years of life. She reared two daughters and five sons.

Born in Adams County, Ohio, James Bridwell was reared to agricultural pursuits, and after his marriage bought the farm which he had assisted his father in clearing from its original wildness. Disposing of that in 1837, he moved to Scioto County, locating in Nile Township, where he purchased a tract of timbered land. A small part of it had been cleared, and in the opening a log cabin, with a stick and earth chimney, had been built. He soon built a small hewed log house, which the family occupied a few years, and later erected a commodious two-story house of hewed logs, and was there a resident until his death, at the early age of forty-seven years, in the meantime having by dint of perserving industry put much of the land under a good state of cultivation. He married Mary Ann Humble, who was born in Adams County, Ohio, a daughter of James and Mary (Cross) Humble, pioneers of that county. She survived her husband, living until eighty-one years of age.

One of a family of ten children, William Bridwell was born, January 20, 1834, on the home farm in Adams County. He grew to manhood, however, in Scioto County, acquiring his education in the rural schools of Nile Township. Reared to habits of industry and economy, he worked as a farm hand during his early days, and having saved his earnings subsequently bought land in Washington Township, and was there engaged in general farming and stock-raising until 1908. In that year, having accomplished a satisfactory work as an

agriculturist, he moved to Portsmouth, where he has since lived retired from active business.

William Bridwell has been twice married. He married first, at the age of twenty-five years, Esther Ann Harmon, who was born in Nile Township, where her father, Middleton Harmon, was an early settler. She died two and one-half years after their marriage, leaving a child that died at the age of four years. He married second, November 3, 1867, Sarah Compton, who was born in Green Township, Adams County, Ohio, October 10, 1840, a daughter of George Compton. Her grandfather, Samuel Compton, was born in Virginia, of English ancestry. In 1796 he migrated to Kentucky, and ten years later, in 1806, he settled in Adams County, Ohio, near the present site of Dunkinsville, and there cleared and improved a homestead, on which he lived and labored until his death. He married Elizabeth Harper, whose father was the original proprietor of Harper's Ferry, Virginia. Their son, George Compton, a native of Adams County, served an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade when young, and followed it at home for many years. He subsequently turned his attention to agriculture, and having bought land in Jefferson Township there carried on general farming the remainder of his life. The maiden name of the wife of George Compton was Mary Ann Ham. She was born in Maine, a daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Snow) Ham, natives of the same state. Jonathan Ham moved with his family from Maine to New York, and after living for a time at Sodus Bay started for Illinois, going first to Pittsburgh with teams, and thence down the Ohio river on a boat. His health being very poor, the family stopped off at Maysville for him to recuperate, but he died very soon after landing, and the family changed their plans, locating in Adams County, Ohio, instead of going to Illinois. His widow survived him for a number of years, and later in life went to Illinois to spend her last years at the home of a daughter. Mrs. Mary Ann (Ham) Compton lived to be nearly four score years old. She reared eleven children. William and Sarah (Compton) Bridwell were the parents of six children, as follows: Alice, Morris, Charles C., Mary, James, and Lida.

Obtaining a good education when young, Charles C. Bridwell remained beneath the parental rooftree until attaining his majority. Coming then to Portsmouth, he was for eight years employed as a clerk in the office of the Drew-Selby Shoe Company. The ensuing year he traveled on the road as a commercial salesman, after which he was bookkeeper for the Heer Shoe Company, and its successor, the Irving Drew Company, for eight years. Mr. Bridwell then purchased from W. J. Henry, an interest in the Portsmouth College of Business,

of which he has since been the president. Under the able and judicious management of Mr. Bridwell this school is fast winning a prominent position among the leading business colleges of Southern Ohio, its courses of study embracing such branches as will best fit a young man for a successful business career. Mr. Bridwell was reared in the Methodist faith, and is now a member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.

On May 19, 1915, Mr. Bridwell was united in marriage to Mayme Ethel Lusher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lusher of Mercerville, Gallia County, Ohio.

HENRY SCHOMBERG. For more than half a century Mr. Schomberg was identified with the Hanging Rock Iron Region, where he began his career as a farm laborer and was also engaged in the trade of butcher for a number of years. He won prosperity and lived with honor in the community, and was one of the Grand Army men in this section. Mr. Schomberg had one of the best rural homes in Harrison Township of Scioto County.

Henry Schomberg was born in Hanover, Germany, October 15, 1845, a son of Lewis and Henrietta (Clausing) Schomberg. The parents left Germany in 1850 and emigrated to the United States, locating at Clinton Furnace, in Southern Ohio. Lewis Schomberg had been identified with the iron industry in Germany, and was employed for twelve or thirteen years in that line after coming to Ohio. He was a tender at the Clinton Furnace for two years, then moved to the Scioto Furnace, and while living there his first wife died. He married Elizabeth Dauver, and later came to Harrison Township in Scioto County and engaged in farming. He was born in 1819 and died in 1872. By his first wife there were four children, of whom three are here mentioned: Mary, wife of Adam Minch, of Chillicothe, Ohio; Charles, who lives in the State of Alabama; and Henry.

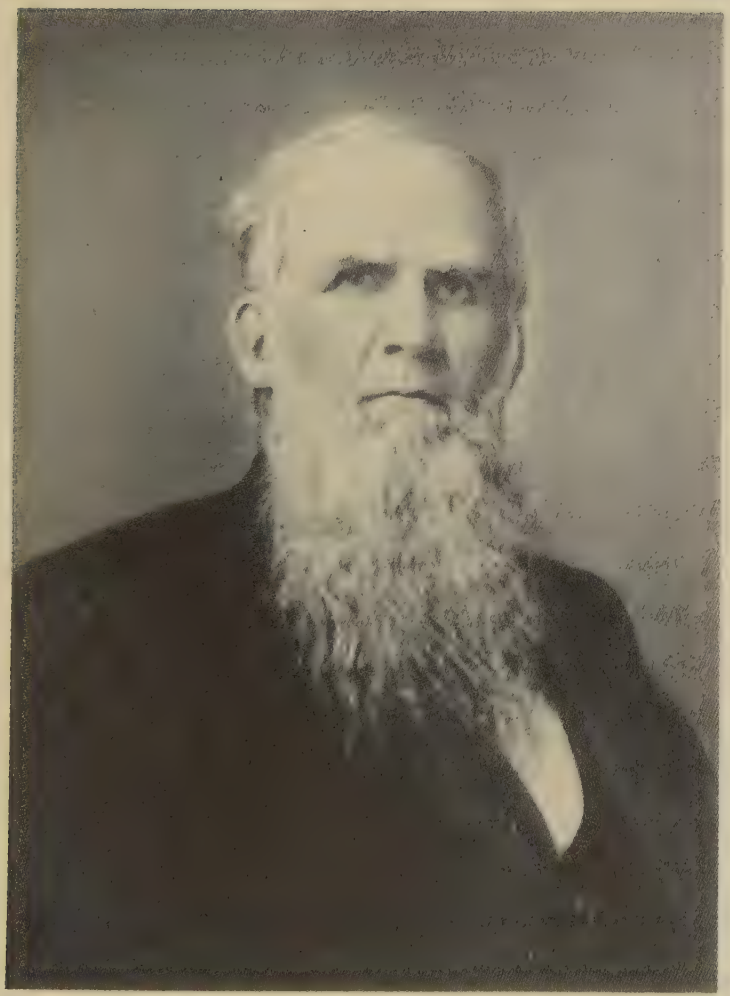
Henry Schomberg was about five years of age when the family made its journey to America, and his education was practically all the result of American schools. After leaving public school he found employment and means of self-support in a railway section gang. He was not yet sixteen years of age when the war broke out, and in 1864 he enlisted in Company I of the One Hundred and Fortieth Regiment. That was a "hundred-day" regiment, but he served 120 days, and at the expiration of his term of enlistment he was honorably discharged. His patriotism led him to enlist again, and this time he went out as a member of the Fifth Ohio Cavalry and remained until the close of the struggle between the North and the South. His patriotic duty performed, Mr.

Schomberg returned to Scioto County, and again took up work as a section hand on a railroad. He learned the butcher's trade, and for eighteen years combined that trade with the vocation of farmer. From that time all his time and energies were devoted to farming. Mr. Schomberg, as the product of his own labors and good management, became the owner of a fine farm of 161 acres situated three miles north of Sciotoville.

On July 9, 1868, occurred his marriage to Jemima Wait, who is a native of Scioto County. To their marriage have been born a large family of nine children: Mary, wife of Charles Gordon, and the mother of four children; Lewis, who married Mabel Haney and has two children; Frances, wife of Southerton B. Mansfield, and has two children; Ruth, wife of Charles Ballinger; Anna, wife of Charles Sparks, and the mother of four children; Foster C., who married Sarah Knore and has six children; Henry H., who is married and has four children; Stella, the wife of Frank Knore and the mother of four children; and Nora, wife of Alvin Lewis, who has two children. Mr. Henry Schomberg had thirty grandchildren. He was a member of the Christian Church, being a charter member of his home church and acting as elder. In politics he was a democrat. He departed from this life January 30, 1916.

John Geddes Peebles. A man of pronounced ability and forceful individuality, John Geddes Peebles, for many years one of the more prominent and influential citizens of Portsmouth, was widely known as one of the original "iron masters" of Lawrence County, and as a prime mover in the development of one of the leading industries of his times. A son of John Peebles, he was born, November 30, 1813, in Ross County, Ohio, about five miles from Chillicothe, on a farm located on Lick Run, coming from thrifty Scotch stock.

His paternal grandfather, William Peebles, was born in Scotland, in the Town of Peebles, near Edinburgh, and was but an infant when taken by his parents to the North of Ireland, where he was reared and educated. Coming to America in early manhood, he settled in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and at the breaking out of the Revolutionary war raised a company of soldiers, which he equipped at a personal expense of £400. Going to the front with his brave men, he was wounded in a battle with the Hessians at Flat Bush, Long Island, on August 28, 1776, and died from the wounds received on September 5, 1776, his remains being buried on Long Island. After his death the United States reimbursed his family in Continental money, and also gave to his family a deed to 2,000 acres of not very



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valuable land. The widow and her three children were left in such limited circumstances that it was necessary to dispose of the land as early as possible, regardless of price.

John Peebles was born in Shippenburg, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1769, and was scarce seven years of age when his father was killed in battle. He served an apprenticeship at the cabinet maker's trade when young, and lived in his native state until after his marriage. In 1807 he started with his family for Ohio, traveling with wagons to Brownsville, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a flatboat on which he proceeded to Pittsburgh, from there coming down the Ohio River to Portsmouth, Ohio, arriving in June, of that year. Continuing the journey with wagons, he settled in Chillicothe, where he followed his trade five years. Subsequently buying land near Paint Creek, he built a distillery, which he operated until it burned. He then invested in a tract of timbered land situated five miles from Chillicothe, on Lick Run, and having erected a sawmill began to manufacture furniture from the beautiful cherry and walnut timber that was found in abundance on his place. Soon trading that land for property in Chillicothe, he lived there until 1819, when he started with his family for the prairies of Illinois. Putting his household goods on a keel boat, he sailed down the canal, landing in Portsmouth, Ohio, April 2, 1819. Mrs. Peebles objected strongly to going to Illinois, and as he was satisfied with Portsmouth and its future prospects he decided to remain, and with that end in view bought a hotel on Front Street. A short time later he established a factory for the making of nails, which was then a slow process, twenty-five pounds a day being all that one man could make, and as the price of nails ranged from 50 to 75 cents per pound the venture was not profitable, and lasted but a brief period.

Soon after his settlement in Portsmouth, John Peebles became active in public matters, and was often chosen to offices of trust and responsibility. He was a member of the first board of health of the city; was custodian of standard measures of Scioto County; was assessor; overseer of the poor; trustee of Wayne Township; secretary of the county agricultural society; and was a director of the Columbus and Portsmouth Turnpike Company. He spent his last years at Hanging Rock, Scioto County, his death occurring October 22, 1846. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Rodgers, was a daughter of Richard and Rachel Rodgers. She was born in Shippenburg, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1777, and died in Scioto County, Ohio, August 28, 1847. They reared nine children, as follows: William; Rachel R. married Robert Hamilton; Elizabeth became the wife of Dr. Hempstead; Fanny D.; Jane F. married Robert Wood; Richard R.; Margaret R.; Joseph S.; and John Geddes. One child, Margaret, died in infancy.

John Geddes Peebles was educated in the pioneer schools of Portsmouth, and at the age of fourteen years entered the employ of his uncle, John McCoy, a merchant in Chillicothe, with whom he remained eighteen months. Returning then to Portsmouth, he was variously employed until 1836, when, in company with Capt. Francis Cleveland, he embarked in mercantile pursuits. The panic of 1837 put him out of business, as it did many others who had been much longer established. In a paper bearing the date of February 18, 1830, the following advertisement appeared:

"Removal

"Portsmouth Hotel and Stage Office

"John Peebles has removed to the commodious and well-known stand which he formerly occupied on the corner of West and Water Streets, near the steamboat landing (owned by E. Glover, deceased). The establishment is now fitted up at considerable expense and care, and he is prepared with accommodations more extensive and more convenient than he has ever before been able to offer the public. Persons desirous of taking a passage on either stage or boats, or those coming off at any time, day or night, will find this stand conveniently suited, and attention will be given at all hours. To those persons who have favored him with their custom he returns his grateful thanks and solicits a continuance, and assures every one who may favor him with a call that no attention will be wanting to contribute his utmost to their comfort and convenience.

"The commission business is continued by John Peebles as usual and attention paid to the landing of steamboats. Those who may favor him with consignments may depend on their business being conducted with care and goods disposed of agreeable to instructions at price as low as any regular house."

Mr. Peebles built up a very good business as a commission agent, taking goods consigned to him on a flatboat and trading along the river until he converted them into cash. He was variously employed until 1842, when he located at Pine Grove Furnace, where he worked at carpentry, in the meantime making a practical study of the iron industry. In 1844 he was made manager of the entire business at the furnace, and continued in that capacity ten years. In 1844, with his brother, Joseph S. Peebles, and Samuel Coles, he invested his savings, acquiring a half interest in both the Pine Grove Furnace and the Hanging Rock Coal Company. Possessing excellent business judgment and discrimination, and being wise in the management of his affairs, Mr. Peebles met with rare success in his ventures, in a few years acquiring wealth and prestige

in the business world. He was also conspicuously identified with many other commercial enterprises, among the most prominent of which may be mentioned the following: the Belfont Iron Works Company; the Ashland Coal Company; the Ashland Coal and Iron Railway Company; the Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad Company; and the Portsmouth National Bank, of which he was a director and later president from 1875 until his death.

Mr. Peebles was a resident of Ironton from 1864 until 1865, when he returned to Portsmouth and bought a commodious residence at the corner of Second and Washington streets. His death was caused by an accident, on October 30, 1901. He was active in business until his death, and devoted much of his time and means to charitable works. Liberal in his benevolence, he was ever ready to lend a helping hand to any good work, being of a deeply sympathetic and charitable nature and animated by the broadest spirit of humanitarianism. He served as president of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home for many years, and was deeply interested in its affairs. Greatly interested in everything concerning the public, he took much pleasure in clipping items of interest from papers and magazines, and had in his library several volumes of interesting articles that he had thus accumulated, and from which Mr. Evans in his history of Scioto County copied extensively.

Mr. Peebles married, June 10, 1835, Martha Rose Steele, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1816, a daughter of Robert Steele.

Of the nine children born of their union, five grew to years of maturity, namely: Robert, deceased; John, of whom a brief sketch may be found elsewhere in this volume; Margaret J., deceased; Mary E., and Richard R., deceased. The daughters remained with their father, caring tenderly for him in his old age. Both were equally active with him in church affairs and works of benevolence, ever ready to serve the suffering and needy. Since the death of her sister Margaret, Miss Mary Peebles has traveled extensively both at home and abroad.

Jacob Offrere, M.D. Prominent among the pioneer physicians of Ohio was Dr. Jacob Offrere, who came to Scioto County in the very early part of the nineteenth century, and for several years thereafter in the pursuance of his professional duties traveled everywhere about the country on horseback, with saddle-bags well filled, at that time there having been no drug stores in which prescriptions could be filled. The Doctor was born October 4, 1775, in Virginia.

His father, Samuel Offrere, removed with his family from Virginia to Pennsylvania, settling in Lancaster County, where he purchased the

large estate that was later owned by President Buchanan. He subsequently lost all of his property by endorsing for others. He married Sarah Carpenter, a daughter of Doctor Carpenter, who was long engaged in the practice of medicine in Philadelphia. The Carpenter family came to the United States from Germany, where the name was spelled "Zimmerman," meaning a carpenter.

Jacob Offrere studied medicine with his maternal grandfather, Doctor Carpenter, in Philadelphia, and after receiving his diploma came to Ohio, thinking his prospects for a successful career better in a newer country. Locating in Scioto County, he bought land in Wayne Township, a few miles from Portsmouth, and there erected a brick house on the river banks. In 1816 he removed to Portsmouth, where in addition to practicing his profession he was interested in numerous enterprises and filled various offices of trust. He served as township treasurer of Wayne Township; was road supervisor; a member of the local board of health; and also served as county treasurer of Scioto County. The Doctor invested largely in land, first buying 400 acres from the Government, and later buying extensive farm lands. He also became a large owner of city property of value. He continued a resident of Portsmouth until his death, December 12, 1859, at the age of four score and four years.

Doctor Offrere married Mary Harness, who was born in October, 1767, and died April 9, 1843. Their only child, Harriet C. Offrere, became the wife of C. A. M. Damarin.

Trace N. Dixon. While the Hanging Rock Iron Region is especially noted for its mineral resources, its farms are by no means a small factor in the total aggregate of wealth, and farming is one of the best lines of business carried on in this section of southern Ohio. One of the younger representatives of the agricultural class is Trace N. Dixon, whose home is at Dixon Mills in Harrison Township of Scioto County. Mr. Dixon spent a number of years in other lines of work, but is now quietly and profitably engaged in planting, cultivating and harvesting, and is one of the highly respected residents of his community.

Trace N. Dixon was born at Dixon Mills, a well known center of settlement in Scioto County, July 24, 1879, and is a son of Noah and Eunice (Dodge) Dixon. His father was born in Vinton County, Ohio, and his mother in Scioto County. The father still lives at Dixon Mills. There are two living children, the older brother being George Dixon of Athens, Ohio.

Trace N. Dixon was reared on a farm at Dixon Mills, was educated

in the public schools, and after the age of sixteen left his books to take up employment on the farm. For several years he was in the service of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company. He drilled water wells for the company all along its system for two years, and was then employed in the terminal for some time until returning to his farm. Mr. Dixon has sixty-six acres of highly improved land at Dixon Mills, and raises the staple crops and also considerable stock.

Mr. Dixon was married July 3, 1911, to Bertha Shuler, who was born in Scioto County. They have one child, Earl, born July 17, 1914. In politics Mr. Dixon is a republican.

Filmore E. Musser. Endowed by nature with mental abilities of a high order and the will and disposition to work, Filmore Musser is amply qualified for the responsible position he holds as cashier of the Ohio Valley Bank at Portsmouth, both by temperament and by training. He is a native-born citizen of Portsmouth, as was his father, John Musser, Jr., whose birth occurred in this city, February 3, 1834.

John Musser, Sr., his paternal grandfather, was born in 1794 in Pennsylvania, and was there reared and married. Following the tide of emigration to Ohio in 1823, he settled at Portsmouth, where he followed his trade of a shoemaker for a time, continuing a resident of the place until his death, at the age of eighty-one years. His second wife, the grandmother of Filmore, came to Portsmouth from New York, her native state, her maiden name having been Mary Jane Ball. She survived her husband twelve years, passing away at a good old age.

John Musser, Jr., a millwright by trade, spent his entire life in Portsmouth, dying at the age of seventy-six years, in 1910. He married Isabelle Jones, who was born in Portsmouth, a daughter of Charles Jones. She lived to be seventy-five years of age. To her and her husband four children were born, as follows: Filmore, Jesse, Nevin; and John, deceased.

Having been graduated from the Portsmouth High School with the class of 1875, Filmore Musser taught school the following winter in Greenup County, Kentucky, and during the succeeding two years was similarly employed in Green Township, Scioto County. In 1878 and 1879 he taught in the historic "Red Schoolhouse," in Clay Township, near Portsmouth, and in 1880 was principal of the Hamden Junction High School. He was subsequently engaged for a while in newspaper work as compositor and reporter.

In April, 1881, Mr. Musser was made deputy county auditor under George L. Dodge. In 1886 he was elected county auditor of Scioto County, and was continued in office by subsequent re-elections until 1893,

serving with eminent ability and efficiency. While thus employed, he devised and put into use entirely new methods regarding the management of his office, and with Charles Kinney, county treasurer, arranged a system of accounting between the two offices. To such an extent was the work systematized that at the completion of his term the auditor's office was regarded as a model for the state, and to his methods, which have been continued by his able successors, is due the fact that the offices of the auditor and treasurer of Scioto County are considered the best conducted of any in the state. Mr. Musser also, in connection with the county commissioners, devised a plan for funding the bonded indebtedness of the county, making a levy for the annual payment of a portion of the debt, the continuance of which to the present time has left the county free of debt.

After his retirement from the auditor's office, Mr. Musser was for three years publisher of the Portsmouth Tribune. In the years 1897 and 1898 he was employed as an expert accountant by the state auditor, and in 1899 he prepared maps of the City of Portsmouth and of that part of Scioto County lying east of the Scioto River for the decennial appraisement of 1900. From 1903 until 1910 he served as city auditor, and has since filled his present responsible position as cashier of the Ohio Valley Bank.

On December 29, 1885, Mr. Musser married Elona Oakes, a daughter of Joshua and Temperance (Marshall) Oakes, of whom a sketch is given on another page of this volume. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Musser, Ethel and Isabel. They are members of the Bigelow Methodist Episcopal Church, and have reared their daughters in the same religious faith.

Peter James Kline, M. D. Forty years of active service as a physician at Portsmouth constitute a valid claim for recognition of Doctor Kline in any history of that community, while as a soldier, citizen and man of broad and generous interests he stands among the best of Ohio's citizenship.

Peter James Kline was born on a farm in Buckskin Township of Ross County, July 4, 1840, and represents substantial pioneer stock in that section. His first American ancestor was J. Henry Kline, who came from Strassburg, Germany. His grandfather, Peter Kline, was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1792, and moved into Ohio about 1825, locating near Chillicothe, where his work brought about the improvement of a farm which was his home until his death on July 25, 1849. He married Isabel Dewey, who was born June 9, 1792, and died July 4, 1865. They reared nine children, named

Henry L., Daniel, James, Jane E., Isabel, Mary, Jacob D., Peter L., and William.

Col. Henry L. Kline, father of the Doctor, was born on a farm in Cumberland County, October 25, 1813, and was about twelve years of age when he came to Ohio. His education was from the rural schools of his native state and of Ross County. On reaching his majority, he found much of the country still unoccupied and bought a tract of wild land, devoted some years to its clearing and then settled down to the substantial business of agriculture, which he followed successfully, acquiring other land from time to time, until his holdings amounted to 400 acres. His death occurred on the farm in Ross County, Ohio, October 9, 1879.

Col. Henry Kline married Mary E. McCreary, who was born in Ross County, September 1, 1817. Her father, James McCreary, who was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, was born in Pennsylvania, December 31, 1769, and married Jane Menary. She was born in Kentucky, December 11, 1786. Her father was the distinguished Gen. James M. Menary, who was born in Pennsylvania, June 9, 1760, was a soldier on the patriot side in the Revolution and also was in the War of 1812. General Menary was a pioneer citizen of Ohio, having located in what was later Ross County in 1796. At that time only one log cabin occupied the present site of Chillicothe. He and fifteen other families were banded together and lived under the shelter of a blockhouse located a few miles out of Chillicothe, on the high land overlooking the Scioto. That was his home for two years, and in the meantime he secured a tract of government land near the present slate mills, five miles from Chillicothe, and occupied that until his death. General Menary was in command of a squad of militia which in 1812 started to reinforce the garrison at Detroit, but learning of Hull's surrender returned home. General Menary married Mary Blair, who was born in Pennsylvania, October 30, 1765, and died April 29, 1850. During his young manhood Henry Kline joined the state militia and rose to the rank of colonel. He and his wife reared but two children, Doctor Kline and his sister, Mary.

Doctor Kline spent his youth in Ross County in the two decades before the war. The district schools furnished him instruction until fourteen, after which he pursued his studies in the Salem Academy of his native county until 1862. Then began his career as a soldier, with enlistment on August 7, 1862, in Company I of the Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for a term of three years. He was made corporal June 27, 1864, advanced to sergeant November 10, 1864, and mustered out with his company July 13, 1865. The battles and cam-

paigns which form the record of the Eighty-first were also his own, as he was always ready for rations and for duty. He was on the famous march to the sea, and went later to Washington to participate in the grand review.

His return from the army marked the beginning of his study of medicine, under Dr. Samuel C. Hamilton, and later at the Miami Medical College in Cincinnati, where he was graduated March 1, 1871. His first office for practice was in South Salem. In 1873 he matriculated in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York and graduated from the course in 1874. In the same year, on April 1st, he located in Portsmouth, which city has ever since been his home. Doctor Kline was treasurer of the Hempstead Academy of Medicine in 1881 and its president in 1883. He was pension examiner under President Hayes and President Harrison, and reappointed in June, 1897, by President McKinley, and is still serving. For six years, between 1886 and 1895, he was a member of the city board of education, and was appointed a member of the board of health on April 19, 1878, and served four years. He is a member of Bailey Post, No. 164, Grand Army of the Republic, having served as its commander. His church home is at the First Presbyterian.

March 2, 1871, the day after his graduation from Miami, he married Elida E. Pricer. Her grandfather, John Pricer, a native of Pennsylvania, was a pioneer in Ross County, and followed his trade as a carpenter at Salem until his death. David H. Pricer, Mrs. Kline's father, was born in Salem, Ross County, in 1823, acquired a good education for the time, and followed teaching and farming. His later years were passed in Portsmouth. His wife, whose maiden name was Amanda Wilson, was born in Buckskin Township of Ross County in February, 1825, and died March 11, 1889. Her father, John Wilson, a native of Pennsylvania, settled among the first in Buckskin Township, cleared a farm from the wilderness and lived there until his death. Doctor and Mrs. Kline have reared one daughter and one son. The daughter, Lena, is the wife of Edward P. Reed and they have a daughter, Eveline. Charles Flint, who was the Doctor's only son, graduated from the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, and was associated with his father in practice until death took him prematurely from a useful career. The son married Jean Barr, who survives and has two children, Elmer and Flint.

Doctor Kline is a member of the Hempstead Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. An intimate view of Doctor Kline and estimates of his character and activities are found in the Evans History, which says: "As a physician,

Doctor Kline has the confidence of all his medical brethren and of the public generally. He stands easily at the head of his profession. It would not be too much to say that he is the most popular physician and man in Portsmouth. Everyone likes him. He can always be found at the front in every project for the public good. He possesses a wonderful store of human sympathy and is constantly expressing it. Make up a full catalogue of all the civic and domestic virtues and he expresses them all.

"He is a pleasant, easy and entertaining speaker. He is on good terms with his audience at all times, and can always touch a popular chord, but on the occasions of soldiers' reunions he is unexcelled. He is always at home at a soldiers' reunion. He never misses one in fifty miles of his residence, and one is seldom held without his being invited. A camp-fire warms his heart at once, and on these occasions, while he is speaking, he is again the young soldier of 1861-65. He has never forgotten the enthusiasm of his youth, and he can bring some of it back to his old comrades. He has an inexhaustible fund of war reminiscences and is constantly adding to his store. He has forgotten nothing of his army life, and can tell of it so that his hearers feel that they were eye-witnesses. There is nothing so interesting as an older person who can recall his youth in such a way as to make his hearers feel the fire of it. It is to be hoped the Doctor will hold the spirit of his youth as long as he lives, and as to that his friends wish he may rival Methuselah."

Lelia Newton. Talented and cultured, and well informed in history and literature, Miss Lelia Newton, librarian of the Carnegie Library at Portsmouth, has filled the position for many years, devoting her energies almost exclusively to her duties to the public, and to her faithful and efficient work is attributed much of the library's success and healthful growth. A daughter of Henry Townsend Newton, she was born in Portsmouth and here has spent her entire life.

Miss Newton's grandfather, Capt. John Newton, was born, bred and married in Maryland. In 1830, responding to the lure of the West, he started with his family for Ohio, crossing the mountains with teams to Pittsburgh, thence down the river to Cincinnati. He was subsequently captain of a steamer plying between that city and New Orleans, and continued his residence in Cincinnati until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Townsend, was born in Maryland, and died, while yet in middle life, in Cincinnati.

One of a family of six children, Henry Townsend Newton was born, October 16, 1817, in Baltimore, Maryland, and as a boy of thirteen

years came with his parents to Ohio. He grew to manhood on a farm near Cincinnati, and as a young man became engineer on a steamboat, continuing in that position several years, but later being foreman in a machine shop at Cincinnati. Removing with his family to Portsmouth, Mr. Newton assumed the foremanship of Murray-Moore Machine Shop, and remained a resident of the city until his death, May 25, 1890.

Mr. Newton married, in Cincinnati, Maria Brown, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, of Scotch ancestry. Her parents, James and Mary (McClure) Brown, were born in Belfast, of Scotch parentage, and about 1823 came to America, settling in Cincinnati, where Mrs. James Brown died. Mr. Brown subsequently moved to Illinois, and there spent the closing years of his life. Mrs. Henry T. Newton survived her husband, passing away October 25, 1895. She was the mother of four daughters and two sons, namely: Edwin, Laura, Viola, Emma, Louis, and Lelia.

Soon after her graduation from the Portsmouth High School, Miss Lelia Newton began her present career as assistant to Colonel Wharton, the founder of the library, and at his death, in 1883, succeeded him as librarian, and has held the position since, performing the duties falling upon her in that capacity with credit to herself, and to the satisfaction of the officers and patrons of the library. Miss Newton is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and was formerly an active worker in the Sunday school.

Samuel Randall Ross. A hale and hearty man, strong both mentally and physically, Samuel Randall Ross, of Portsmouth, bears with ease his burden of ninety-seven years, and having retired from business activities is enjoying a well-earned leisure. He was born April 8, 1819, in Oxford, Chenango County, New York, a son of Samuel Ross. His paternal grandfather, Andrew Ross, was born April 20, 1741, of Scotch parentage or ancestry, and spent his last days in Oxford, New York, dying in 1819. He married Sarah Wheeler, who was born in Newark, New Jersey, a daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Wheeler.

Samuel Ross was born in New York City, February 21, 1786, and as a young man was graduated from Princeton University. Becoming a Methodist Episcopal minister, he preached six years in Virginia. Going to Oxford, New York, in 1815, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and united with the Episcopal Church. In 1816 he was elected warden of Saint Paul's Church, and remained as warden, or vestryman, until 1820. Late in life he sold his farm and removed to Elmira, New York, where he resided with his children until his death, in 1861.

Samuel Ross was twice married. The maiden name of his second

wife, mother of the subject of this sketch, was Maria Randall. She was a daughter of Robert and Lucy (Pendleton) Randall, and widow of Alvan Stephens. She survived him, and died at the home of one of her daughters, in Auburndale, Massachusetts. She reared six children.

Graduating from the Oxford Academy, Samuel Randall Ross went to Cortland, New York, as a boy of sixteen years, and from that time until 1844 was employed as a clerk in the general store of his uncle, William Randall. He then came to Ohio, locating in Portsmouth, then a city of about four thousand inhabitants. He came by way of the railroad to Buffalo, thence via the lakes to Michigan City, Indiana, where he took the stage for Cincinnati, which he reached after traveling three days in the most expeditious way then possible. From Cincinnati he came by boat to Portsmouth, where he established himself as a wholesale grocer, commission and forwarding merchant, and continued thus employed until 1861. He then transferred his business to Cincinnati, and there continued until his retirement from active pursuits. He is now living in Portsmouth, in the dwelling to which he took his young bride in 1847, sixty-nine years ago.

Mr. Ross married, September 7, 1847, Elizabeth Kinney, a daughter of Washington and Mary (Waller) Kinney. She was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, February 29, 1824, and died October 28, 1898. A short sketch of her grandfather, Aaron Kinney, son of Peter Kenney, a Revolutionary soldier, may be found elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Ross reared three children, namely: Anna Randall Ross, George Kinney Ross, and Thomas Waller Ross.

Thomas Waller, M. D. Distinguished as the first physician to settle in Scioto County, Hon. Thomas Waller, M. D., was conspicuously identified with its growth and development, and as an early resident of Portsmouth filled many public positions of trust and responsibility. A son of John and Mary (Mathews) Waller, he was born September 14, 1774, in Stafford County, Virginia.

He received superior educational advantages for his time, and in 1797 was graduated from William and Mary College, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Going soon after that important event to Kentucky, he was for a short time engaged in mercantile business at Washington, Mason County. Subsequently attending medical lectures at the Pennsylvania Medical College, in Philadelphia, he was graduated from that institution with the degree of M. D., and immediately began the practice of his profession in Kentucky.

On January 10, 1800, Doctor Waller married Elizabeth Macfarlane, daughter of Capt. Andrew Macfarlane, of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania,

who served as captain of a company in the Revolutionary war. Going with his bride to Pennsylvania, Dr. Waller remained there a year, and then, in 1801, accompanied by his wife and infant child, he came to Ohio, traveling on horseback to Wheeling, and thence by boat to Alexandria, Ohio, arriving there on June 21, 1801. Purchasing property there, the Doctor immediately began the practice of his profession, and in 1803 was elected justice of the peace. At the organization of Scioto County he had the distinction of being the first representative to the State Legislature elected from that county. Subsequently removing to Portsmouth, Dr. Waller continued his residence in this city until his death, July 19, 1823.

Doctor Waller was the first postmaster of Portsmouth, holding the position at the time of his death. He was the first president of the Commercial Bank of Scioto County, which was organized in 1817, being the first institution of the kind in the county. He was also the first president of the first council of the Town of Portsmouth, and was one of the first wardens of the first vestry of All Saints' Church.

Mrs. Waller died in 1824, in Portsmouth. Nine children were born of the union of Doctor and Mrs. Waller, namely: Margaret, who married Capt. Francis Cleveland; Mary married Washington Kinney; William died unmarried; Thomas married Miriam Coppage; Elizabeth; Hannah died unmarried; John married Mary J. Baldridge; Susannah married John P. Berry; and George A. married Jane Davey.

Andrew Jackson Finney. One of the prominent old citizens of Portsmouth, whose span of life covers three-quarters of a century, Capt. Finney is a native of Scioto County, and the name has been identified with this section of the state for practically a century. He was a valiant soldier during the war, has been a farmer and merchant, and has filled with credit and distinction many of the offices in township, city and county government.

Andrew Jackson Finney was born in Bloom Township, Scioto County, October 2, 1840. His father was George H. Finney, who was born in the same locality in 1818. The grandfather, Martin Finney, was a native of Connecticut, came from that state to New York and from there to Ohio, and after a short stay at Marietta floated down the Ohio River on a raft of logs and landed at Portsmouth. Going into the dense wilderness that then covered this country he bought a tract of timbered land on the southwest quarter of Bloom Township. He lived there as a true pioneer, using his axe to clear away the forest and improving a farm which remained his home until his death at the advanced age of ninety-two. In spite of his extreme age he retained

his mental faculties and also his sight and hearing fairly well until the end of his life. Martin Finney married Tryphosa Hall, who died at the age of eighty-five. The four children who grew up were George H., Julius, Laura and Melissa.

George H. Finney was reared in Scioto County and when a young man took up the work of teaming to and from the furnaces, and that was his regular occupation for a number of years. In the meantime he had invested his savings in a tract of land adjoining the old homestead, and lived there a number of years. Though he was in middle life when the war broke out, he enlisted on August 10, 1862, in Company D of the One Hundred and Seventeenth Ohio Infantry, a regiment which was subsequently transferred to the artillery service, and after that he was in Company D of the First Ohio Heavy Artillery. With this command he continued as a faithful soldier through its various campaigns and battles until honorably discharged and mustered out on June 28, 1865. George H. Finney finally removed from his farm to Powellsville and lived there until after the death of his second wife. His home thereafter was with his children and he died at Sciotoville at the age of seventy-eight. The maiden name of his first wife, the mother of Captain Finney, was Eliza Fullerton. Her parents, James H. and Hannah (Smith) Fullerton were natives of Greenbrier County, Virginia, and were early pioneers of Scioto County. Mrs. George H. Finney died at the age of twenty-five. He married for his second wife, Adeline Fullerton, a sister of his first wife. She left two children, George H. and Eliza A.

Andrew Jackson Finney spent his youth on a farm, was educated in the rural schools, and was already an independent farmer in this county when the war broke out between the states. On the 20th of April, 1861, only a few days after President Lincoln issued his first call to put down the rebellion he enlisted for the three months service in Company D of the Twenty-second Ohio Infantry. He was with that regiment until August 19, 1861, and a little more than a year later, on October 27, 1862, he enlisted for the term of three years in the Eighth Independent Company of Ohio Volunteer Sharpshooters. In this command he was appointed sergeant March 9, 1863, was promoted to first sergeant November 19, 1864, and was mustered out with his company on July 19, 1865. He was with the first Ohio troops that aided in the struggle with the South, and was in service for several weeks after the practical ending of hostilities.

After the war Captain Finney was engaged in farming until 1871, and then sold his place and spent about a year in Greenup County, Kentucky. Returning to Scioto County in 1872, he turned his atten-

tion in 1873 to merchandising in Powellsville, and was one of the chief business men of that village for ten years. At the same time he filled the office of postmaster from January, 1873, until December, 1882, at which date he resigned. In 1870 Captain Finney was elected land appraiser of Vernon Township, serving one year in that office. His business career has been marked almost continuously by some form of public service. He was justice of the peace in Greene Township from 1873 to 1879, was treasurer of that township from 1881 to 1883. In 1882 Mr. Finney was elected sheriff of Scioto County on the republican ticket. In that election he received 3,286 votes against 2,915 given to his competitor, William B. Williams, making his majority 371. At his re-election as sheriff in 1884 he received 4,241 votes against 3,080 for his opponent, John Newdoerfer, making his majority at that time 1,161. All the older citizens of Scioto County recall the capable and efficient manner in which Captain Finney discharged his duties as sheriff.

On retiring from the sheriff's office, Captain Finney became a clothing merchant for about sixteen months in Portsmouth, and then opened a stock of retail groceries. His business rapidly grew in this line and in 1892 it was reorganized as both a wholesale and retail store, under the name of A. J. Finney & Sons. While Captain Finney was general manager of the business, his son, Oscar T. Finney, was traveling salesman, and Walter A. Finney was city salesman.

Captain Finney was elected clerk of the Common Pleas Court, November 8, 1898, and was re-elected in 1901, serving two full terms. In 1912 he was appointed market master of Portsmouth, holding that office until a change of municipal administration. In April, 1914, he was elected a justice of the peace by the city council to fill an unexpired term. Everyone in Scioto County regards Captain Finney as one of the men who have been most influentially connected with the history of this county for the past fifty years. He is a member of Bailey Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. On February 22, 1862, after his first service in the war and before his second enlistment, he married Lovina Wait, daughter of Benjamin F. and Mary (Smith) Wait, of Wait's Station.

Henry Becker. Now serving as county recorder of Scioto County, to which office he was elected in November, 1914, Henry Becker has lived all his life in this county, and for a number of years has been more or less actively associated with both business and public interests.

Henry Becker was born on a farm in Washington Township of Scioto County, April 15, 1866. His father, Fred Becker, was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, where his parents spent all their lives. He

and two other brothers came to the United States. Of these, Adam settled in Washington Township, while Henry subsequently returned to his native land and died there. Fred Becker attended school regularly during his youth in Germany, and after leaving school set out for the United States, making a passage which required fifty-two days, and landing at New York City. Coming West he lived for a time in Kentucky, then moved to Indiana, and finally arrived in Portsmouth. About his first employment in this section of Ohio was with Stephen Morrow in the latter's distillery. He next bought a partly improved farm in Washington Township. This land had water power, used for the operation of a combined saw and grist mill. These mills were under his management for a number of years, while he also superintended the operation of a farm, and his death occurred there in his sixty-fourth year.

Fred Becker married Mary A. Walz, who was born in Germany and came with her widowed mother and several other children to America, settling in Covington, Kentucky. Mrs. Fred Becker died at the age of seventy years. The six children reared by her were: Mary, who married Jesse Rose; Lena, who married Ed Nagle; Kate, who became the wife of C. B. Longman; Henry; Emma, wife of John H. Gillen; and Fred, a resident of Washington Township.

Henry Becker grew up on the farm in Washington Township, attended the rural schools, was well trained in farm and mill work, and subsequently graduated from the Portsmouth Business College. After the completion of his course at the business college he spent five years in the employ of the Adams and Southern Express Company, and then clerked for seven years with the Drew-Selby Shoe Company. He resigned to become deputy county treasurer one term, then returned to the Shelby Shoe Company for one year, and was next appointed and served two years as city clerk. Mr. Becker has thorough qualifications for his present office as county recorder and they were well recognized by the citizens who voted him into that office.

April 29, 1897, he married Grace Donaldson, who was born in Portsmouth, daughter of W. W. and Margaret J. Donaldson. Mr. and Mrs. Becker have three children: Margaret M., Fred W., Jr., and Dorothy Elizabeth. The family are members of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Becker is affiliated with Magnolia Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and with the Loyal Order of Moose.

Pearl Edgar Selby. A practical man of affairs, keen-sighted and enterprising, Pearl Edgar Selby, vice president and general superintendent of the Selby Shoe Company, at Portsmouth, has met with

eminent success in his business career, his success being wholly due to his energy and real worth. A son of George D. Selby, of whom a sketch may be found elsewhere in this work, he was born and educated in Portsmouth.

After his graduation from the Portsmouth High School, Mr. Selby served an apprenticeship at pattern making in the plant of the Drew-Selby and Company. Mastering that trade, he worked in the various departments of the company's manufactory, becoming thoroughly familiar with the art of shoe making in its every detail, and thus fitting himself for the advanced position he now occupies. In 1892 Mr. Selby became an active member of the Drew-Selby Company, and superintendent of one of its departments. Applying himself diligently, he soon learned the details of the business as he previously had of the work, and ere long was recognized as an important factor in the shoe business of the world. The Selby Shoe Company is known far and wide as one of the largest in the country, and in its growth and upbuilding Mr. Selby has been largely influential. He is likewise identified with various other enterprises of much importance.

Mr. Selby married June 8, 1892, Blanche E. Smith, and they have two children, Harold Rea and Gladys. Mr. and Mrs. Selby are members of the Bigelow Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mark Selby. Endowed with a business sagacity and patience that has enabled him to master the minutia of details, and an active mind that reaches far beyond the exigencies of the moment, Mark Selby, vice president, secretary and sales manager of the Selby Shoe Company, is closely associated with the promotion of the manufacturing and mercantile interests of Portsmouth, his home city. A son of George D. and Lydia (Webster) Selby, he was born and brought up in Portsmouth, acquiring his first knowledge of books in the public schools of the city.

Being three years a student in Ohio Wesleyan University, in Delaware, Ohio, Mark Selby found employment in the factory of the Drew-Selby and Company, beginning work in a humble capacity, and persevering until thoroughly acquainted with the various branches of shoe making. Upon the organization of the Selby Shoe Company, in 1906, Mr. Selby was made vice president and secretary and sales manager, and has since filled these responsible positions efficiently and successfully.

He is also secretary of the Mitchell Manufacturing Company and one of the organizers and a director of The Standard Supply Company, both concerns of Portsmouth.

Mr. Selby married first, in 1898, Miss Maude Grimes. She died in 1905, leaving one child, Christine Selby. Mr. Selby married second, in 1912, Miss Adelaide Hare. Fraternally Mr. Selby is a member of Patriarch Lodge No. 154, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and also belongs to the college fraternity Phi Kappa Psi.

Roger Selby. A rising young business man of Portsmouth, Roger A. Selby, production and office manager of the Selby Shoe Company, one of the leading industries of Portsmouth, is ably performing the duties devolving upon him, and while advancing his own prosperity is ever mindful of the higher interests of his employees, and of the firm with which he is connected. He was born in Portsmouth, a son of George D. Selby, and is of English ancestry, being a lineal descendant in the seventh generation from one Jeremiah Selby, who emigrated from England to America in Colonial days, and for many years thereafter was engaged in the practice of medicine in Connecticut.

Acquiring his preliminary education in the Portsmouth schools, Roger Selby entered the Scientific Department of Yale University, from which he was graduated as a mechanical engineer. He was for three years private secretary to Congressman Henry Baman and then for two years occupied a similar position with United States Senator Theodore E. Burton. Returning then to Portsmouth, Mr. Selby entered the office of the Selby Shoe Company as secretary to the superintendent, and later took up his present work.

James S. Frizell, M. D. Scioto County claims as one of its able and representative physicians and surgeons the popular citizen whose name introduces this paragraph and who is engaged in the successful general practice of his profession in the attractive Village of Buena Vista. Greater interest attaches to his success and prestige by reason of the fact that he is a native of the village in which he now maintains his home and in which his birth occurred on the 3rd of January, 1858. Here also he is fully upholding the professional honors of the family name, for his father likewise was numbered among the prominent and honored physicians of Scioto County.

Dr. James Savage Frizell is a son of Dr. William Alexander Frizell and Artemitia (Kenyon) Frizell. Dr. William A. Frizell was born in Lewis County, Kentucky, situated directly across the Ohio River from Scioto County, Ohio, and was a son of Joseph Frizell, who was an extensive land owner and prominent agriculturist of Northern Kentucky, where also he built up a profitable enterprise in the manufacturing of salt. He was a citizen of much influence in his community and

was an honored veteran of the war of 1812. When of venerable age he came to Scioto County and here he passed his declining years at Buena Vista. The maiden name of his first wife, the grandmother of him whose name initiates this article, was Mary Savage, and she was but twenty-three years of age at the time of her death. She was survived by three children, James A., who became a successful wholesale druggist in the City of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Margaret Thompson, and Dr. William A. For his second wife he married a widow named Foxworthy, and they became the parents of one daughter, Anna.

Dr. William A. Frizell was reared to adult age in Kentucky, where he attended the common schools of his native county and thereafter took a collegiate preparatory course in a private school in Greenup County. He studied medicine under the preceptorship of an able and prominent physician at Felicity, Clermont County, Ohio, and then entered the Ohio Medical College, in the City of Cincinnati, in which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After having been engaged in practice for a time at Rome, Adams County, he removed to Scioto County and established his residence at Buena Vista, where he built up an excellent practice, to which he devoted his attention for a number of years. He then removed to the old homestead of his wife's parents, in Adams County, and continued in the practice of his profession in that county and across the Ohio River in Kentucky, in which state he maintained an office at Vanceburg. He was engaged in the active work of his profession for more than forty years, earnest and self-abnegating in his services to suffering humanity, and animated by that sympathy that transcends mere emotion to become an actuating power for helpfulness. Revered for his sterling character and worthy accomplishment, Dr. Frizell passed to the life eternal in 1889, at the age of sixty-five years. His widow now owns and resides upon the old Kenyon homestead, in Adams County, which was the place of her birth and upon which her husband passed the closing years of his life, as previously intimated in this article. She is a daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Zorns) Kenyon, both of whom were born in Kentucky, whence they came to Ohio and numbered themselves among the pioneers of Adams County, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Dr. William A. and Artemitia (Kenyon) Frizell became the parents of four children, of whom four are living, Dr. James S., of this review; Mary, Ella and William, the last mentioned being now a successful jeweler and optician at Vanceburg, Lewis County, Kentucky.

To the public schools of Buena Vista Dr. James S. Frizell is indebted for his early educational discipline, and he determined when

a youth to prepare himself for the profession in which his father had gained definite success and precedence. With this end in view he was finally matriculated in the Ohio Medical College, his father's alma mater, and in the same he was graduated as a member of the class of 1880 and with the well earned degree of Doctor of Medicine. Later he completed a regular course in the celebrated Jefferson Medical College, in the City of Philadelphia, and this time-honored institution likewise conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1884. Though thus admirably fortified for his exacting profession, Doctor Frizell has not permitted himself to lapse in his careful study of medical and surgical science, but keeps in close touch with the advances made in the same. He avails himself of the best standard and periodical literature of his profession and further reinforces himself through his active membership in the Scioto County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Soon after his graduation in the medical college Doctor Frizell engaged in active practice in his native town of Buena Vista, and this section of Scioto County has continued the stage of his zealous and effective professional endeavors during the long intervening period of more than thirty years. He controls a large and representative practice and is known and honored as one of the able and faithful members of his profession in this section of the state. He served twelve years as a member of the board of United States pension examining surgeons for Scioto County.

As a citizen Doctor Frizell is essentially progressive and public-spirited, his political allegiance being given to the republican party and both he and his wife being zealous members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as elder of the church at Buena Vista, as well as superintendent of its Sunday School. In Adams County he is affiliated with Rome Lodge, No. 535, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons; his capitular affiliation is with Vanceburg (Kentucky) Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and he holds membership also in the Order of the Eastern Star; Buena Vista Lodge, No. 842, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the adjunct organization, the Daughters of Rebekah; the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

On the 31st of October, 1883, was solemnized the marriage of Doctor Frizell to Miss Caroline Miller, who was born and reared at Buena Vista and who is a daughter of John and Frederica (Ukelar) Miller, the former of whom was born in Hesse-Cassel and the latter in Baden, Germany. Doctor and Mrs. Frizell have no children, but in their home is being carefully reared Anna Miller, a half-sister of Mrs. Frizell.

Homer Selby. As purchasing agent of the Selby Shoe Company of Portsmouth, Homer Selby is actively identified with one of the foremost industries of Scioto County, and is successfully devoting his every effort toward the advancement of its interests. A native born citizen of Portsmouth, he acquired his elementary education in public schools of the city, and in 1904 was graduated as a mechanical engineer from the Case School of Applied Science, at Cleveland.

Thus finely equipped for a business career, Mr. Selby entered the factory of the Selby Shoe Company, with which he has since been connected. Familiarizing himself with business methods, he developed and demonstrated great aptitude for commercial activities, and since assuming his present position as purchasing agent is doing much towards maintaining the firm's reputation as one of the most prosperous and substantial concerns of the kind in the county.

Mr. Selby has been twice married. He married first, in 1905, Laura Moody. She died in 1906, leaving one child, Mary Louise Selby. Mr. Selby married second, in 1913, Lola Davis, and there is one child, Sara, born to this union. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Selby are members of the Bigelow Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Selby is a thirty-second degree Knight Templar Mason, and also belongs to the Phi Delta Theta college fraternity.

Orin L. Veazey. On the fine farmstead, in Nile Township, Scioto County, where he now holds prestige as one of the representative agriculturists of the younger generation, Mr. Veazey was born on the 6th of October, 1886, and he is a scion of one of the old and honored families of Southern Ohio. Progressiveness and well ordered enterprise are shown by him in connection with the operations of his well improved farm, and in his native county he has secure place in popular esteem, his status in the community clearly entitling him to recognition in this history of the Hanging Rock Iron Region.

Mr. Veazey is a son of Armour King Veazey and Dolly (Kennedy) Veazey, the former of whom was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, on the 13th of November, 1857, and the latter of whom was born in Scioto County, Ohio, a member of a sterling pioneer family of this section of the Buckeye State. Joseph W. Veazey, grandfather of him whose name introduces this article, was born and reared in Pennsylvania, from which state he went as a cadet to the United States Military Academy, at West Point, in which institution he was graduated. He was a valiant soldier in the war of 1812, and at the time of the Civil war, though venerable in years, he gave excellent service in drilling recruits for the Union army. From the old Keystone State he

came in an early day to Ohio and settled in Jackson County, whence he later removed to Greenup County, Kentucky. Within a short time thereafter he came again to Ohio and established his residence at Ironton, Lawrence County, where he became associated with William D. Kelley in the iron business. Finally he purchased a farm near South Point, that county, and there he continued to reside until 1879, his wife having died in 1877. In the year 1879 he removed to Scioto County, but he passed the closing period of his life at Ashland, Kentucky, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Williams, his death there occurring when he was in his eighty-fifth year. As a young man he married Miss Elizabeth Campbell, who was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, the youngest of the eleven children of William Campbell, who was a native of Scotland, where all of the children were born except Mrs. Veazey. Immigrating with his family to the United States, William Campbell established his home at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the work of his trade, that of cabinetmaker, this continuing to be his vocation until the time of his death. Mrs. Elizabeth Veazey died in 1877, and of the seven sons and two daughters three were born in Pennsylvania, three in Kentucky and three in Ohio.

Armour King Veazey was an infant at the time of the family removal from Kentucky to Lawrence County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated and where in his youth he was for several terms a successful teacher in the district schools. In 1879 he passed the winter in the lumber woods of Louisiana and in the spring he returned to Lawrence County. In 1881 he removed with his family to Scioto County and purchased a farm on the Buena Vista turnpike road, in Nile Township, where he continued as a successful and honored representative of the agricultural and stock-growing industries for more than thirty years. He then sold the farm to his son, Orin L., of this review, and he has since lived retired, in this township. The maiden name of his first wife was Dolly Kennedy, and she was summoned to the life eternal in 1891, being survived by two children, Stella and Orin L. A number of years later Armour K. Veazey wedded Miss Lucille Honaker, who was born at Quincy, Lewis County, Kentucky, a daughter of Dr. Cornelius Honaker and Emily (Storer) Honaker. Two children were born of this union, one who died in infancy and a son, Morris H., who is living with his grandmother in Nile Township.

Armour K. Veazey is a stalwart republican in politics, has served as notary public and as a member of the school board of his district, the latter position having been held by him for sixteen years, in Nile Township. He has served also as township assessor and as a member of the township board of health.

Orin L. Veazey was reared to manhood on the farm which he now owns and occupies, and is indebted to the public schools of Scioto County for his early educational discipline. He has given unwavering allegiance to the basic industries of agriculture and stock-growing and his success has been on a parity with his energy and progressiveness. In politics he gives unfaltering support to the cause of the republican party, and he is now serving as justice of the peace, of which office he has been the incumbent since 1908. At the age of twenty-one years he was elected constable of Nile Township, a position in which he served two years. Mr. Veazey is past noble grand of Buena Vista Lodge, No. 842, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he attends and supports the Methodist Episcopal Church at Buena Vista, his wife being a member of the same.

In 1907 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Veazey to Miss Belle Metzger, who was born in Lewis Township, Brown County, Ohio, and who is a daughter of David and Mary E. (Shinkle) Metzger. David Metzger was born in Lewis Township, Brown County, on the 28th of December, 1851, and on the same farm was born his father, Joseph Metzger, the date of whose nativity was August 16, 1817. The latter was a son of Conrad Metzger, who was born in Pennsylvania, of sturdy German ancestry, and whose father came to Ohio when well advanced in years, the closing period of his life having been passed at Circleville, Pickaway County. Upon coming to Ohio from the Keystone State Conrad Metzger became a pioneer settler in Brown County, where he purchased a tract of heavily timbered land and instituted the reclamation of a farm, in what is now Lewis Township. He contributed his quota to the civic and industrial development of Brown County, where he continued to reside on his farm until his death, when about seventy years of age. His son, Joseph, succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead farm and there continued to reside until his death, in 1887. He married Miss Nancy Watson, who was born in Clermont County, this state, on the 31st of May, 1815, and who was summoned to the life eternal on the 14th of January, 1882.

David Metzger was one of a family of seven children and was reared to manhood on the ancestral homestead farm, the while he availed himself of the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period. He continued to be associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to the age of twenty-eight years, when he purchased a farm in Clark Township, Brown County, whence he returned a few years later to the old homestead place. Later he was engaged in farming in Green Township, Adams County, and in 1899 he removed with his family to Nile Town-

ship, Scioto County. In 1909 he purchased the fine farm on which he now resides, in the same township, and he is one of the substantial farmers and honored citizens of this section of Scioto County. In 1879 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Metzger to Miss Mary E. Shinkle, who was born in Lewis Township, Brown County, in which county also were born her father, Walter Shinkle, and the latter's father, Michael Shinkle. Michael Shinkle was a son of Jonathan Shinkle, who was one of the early settlers of Brown County, where he reclaimed a farm from the wilderness and where he passed the residue of his life. His son, Michael, succeeded to the ownership of a portion of the old homestead and there passed his entire life as an industrious and prosperous farmer. He wedded Miss Sally Gardner, who likewise passed her entire life in Brown County. Walter Shinkle, who celebrated his seventy-seventh birthday anniversary in 1914, has been a lifelong resident of Brown County, where he has long been a representative agriculturist and stockgrower and where he has also been successful as a dealer in leaf tobacco. His wife, whose maiden name was Nannie Nowlin, was born near Lawrenceburg, Indiana, and is a daughter of Silas and Mary Nowlin, pioneers of the Hoosier State. David and Mary E. (Shinkle) Metzger reared seven children, of whom Mrs. Veasey was the third in order of birth. The names of the other children are as follows: Nannie, Jesse, Earl, Minnie, Lewis and John. Jesse married Miss Nellie Cameron and they have one son, Raymond. Earl wedded Miss Irene Sortman and they have two sons. Minnie is the wife of Cleo Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Veasey have one daughter, Elizabeth.

Samuel G. Miller. There are many reasons why this sterling citizen of Scioto County should be accorded special recognition in this publication. He personally represented his native state as a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war and he has been a successful farmer and honored citizen of Scioto County for many years, his homestead farm being in Clay Township, near the City of Portsmouth, where he is now living virtually retired. He came with his parents to this county when a child and here he has resided during the long intervening period of nearly seventy years—years marked by earnest and fruitful endeavor on his part. Further than this, he is a representative of families that were founded in Ohio more than a century ago, before the admission of the state to the union, and thus his personal and ancestral history becomes one of consecutive indentification with the development and progress of this favored commonwealth.

Mr. Miller was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, on the 24th of

January, 1841, and is a son of Samuel and Emma (Peckham) Miller, both likewise natives of that county, where the former was born in 1803 and the latter in 1801. The parents were reared and educated under the pioneer conditions in their native county and there their marriage was solemnized. In 1846 they removed to Scioto County, where the father developed an excellent farm and became a citizen of worth and influence, both he and his wife continuing their residence on their homestead farm until their death. Of their six children the subject of this review is the elder of the two now living, and Phoebe A. is the wife of John C. McNulty, of South Webster, Scioto County.

Samuel G. Miller was five years old at the time of the family removal to Scioto County, and he was reared to maturity on the old homestead farm, in Jefferson Township, in the meanwhile availing himself of the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period. He continued to be actively identified with agricultural operations until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he did not long delay response to the call of patriotism, as shown by the fact that, in July, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company C, Ninety-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Eighth Army Corps. After a short period of service the regiment was transferred to the Department of West Virginia, and with his command Mr. Miller continued in active service until the close of the war. He endured his full share of hardships and perils and took part in numerous engagements, among which may be mentioned the following: Cloyd's Mountain (or Farm), Martinsburg, New River, Halltown, Stephenson's Depot, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. Mr. Miller was never wounded or captured, and continued with his regiment until the close of the war. He was mustered out in June, 1865, and duly received his honorable discharge, after a record that will ever give honor to his name. His continued interest in his old comrades in arms is manifested through his affiliation with Bailey Post, No. 164, Grand Army of the Republic, in the City of Portsmouth.

After the close of the war Mr. Miller returned to Scioto County, and here he has continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits during the long intervening years. In politics Mr. Miller has never wavered in his allegiance to the republican party and in earlier years he was an active worker in its local ranks, besides which he was called upon to serve in various minor offices in his township, including that of township assessor. His life has been guided and governed by the highest principles of rectitude and honor and he has not been denied the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem. For the past eight years he has served as superintendent of the Sunday School of

Valley Chapel, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for seven years he has held also the position of class leader in this church, of which both he and his wife were devoted and valued members.

On the 22d of November, 1866, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Miller to Miss Margaret J. Meek, who was born in Iowa but who was reared and educated in Carroll County, Ohio. Of the children of this union three are now living: Charles B., who was born February 8, 1868, wedded Miss Margaret Dall and they reside on a farm near Wheelersburg, Scioto County; Edward G., who was born September 20, 1878, and who is a successful farmer of Clay Township, Scioto County, married Miss Elizabeth Bobst; and Mary, who was born March 7, 1884, is wife of Orville Gable, likewise a farmer of Scioto County. There are also eight grandchildren. Mrs. Miller died March 2, 1910, and was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Portsmouth.

Aaron T. Noel. The owner of a specially valuable farm of forty acres, in Precinct No. 1, Clay Township, Scioto County, and this township has represented his home from the time of his nativity, the while he stands as a sterling and popular scion of one of the old and influential pioneer families of Scioto County, with whose history the family name has been worthily identified for more than a century, its original representatives here having come to the beautiful Scioto Valley prior to the admission of Ohio to the Union.

Aaron T. Noel was born in Clay Township on the 24th of April, 1842, and has been concerned with the agricultural interests of his native township from his youth to the present time, his present farm, while not of great area, being equipped with the best of permanent improvements and its fertility being of the highest, as shown by the fact that the land is valued at $600 an acre. Mr. Noel is a son of Aaron and Catherine (Orm) Noel, both likewise natives of Scioto County, where the former was born July 13, 1807, and the latter on the 19th of May, 1814. Mrs. Noel passed to the life eternal on the 25th of February, 1864, and her husband survived her by more than thirty years, his death having occurred April 1, 1895, when he was nearly eighty-eight years of age. They became the parents of six sons and five daughters, whose names and respective dates of birth are here noted: Nathan M., March 8, 1833; Josiah O., April 17, 1835; Anna E., September 7, 1836; John P., April 5, 1839; Elizabeth F., October 18, 1840; Aaron T., April 24, 1842; Mary C., June 30, 1844; Jacob S., April 20, 1847; Oscar B., August 1, 1849; Margaret J., February 6, 1853; and Sarah M., August 20, 1857. After the death of the wife of his young manhood Aaron Noel wedded Miss Rhoda P. Severns, who

was born December 27, 1833, and who died May 19, 1889, being survived by one daughter, Henrietta R., who was born March 1, 1877.

Aaron T. Noel was reared to manhood in Clay Township, where he received a good common school education, which has been effectively supplemented by the experience which he has since acquired in his association with men and affairs. Mr. Noel has not only become one of the representative agriculturists of his native township but has also been active and influential in public affairs of a local order—as a stalwart and well fortified advocate of the principles of the democratic party. As a young man he was employed two years in the office of the adjutant general of Ohio, and while his father was serving as treasurer of Scioto County he held for two years the position of deputy treasurer, besides having been deputy county clerk for one year. His first elective incumbency was that of township clerk of Clay Township, in which position he served three years. He was a member of the school board for nine years, was township assessor for two years, and at the present time holds the position of land appraiser of Clay Township. From 1886 to 1890 he was internal revenue gauger at Portsmouth, and was elected in 1913 to serve for four years as justice of the peace of Clay Township. In the City of Portsmouth Mr. Noel is affiliated with Aurora Lodge, No. 48, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Solomon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the council of Royal and Select Master, and the commandery of Knights Templars.

On the 14th of December, 1865, Mr. Noel wedded Miss Sarah C. Stone, whose death occurred January 19, 1870. Of their children the eldest is Florence G., who was born September 12, 1866, who is the wife of James P. Appel and who has one daughter; Charles A., who was born July 1, 1868, died August 14, 1891; Thomas A. P. was born November 9, 1869.

On the 9th of October, 1884, Mr. Noel contracted a second marriage, when Miss Edith Taylor became his wife. She was summoned to the life eternal on the 14th of March, 1911, and is survived by one daughter, Gurney Margaret, who was graduated as a trained nurse and who now resides in Columbus.

Milton Wesley Brown. The following paragraphs take up the chief points in the history of a family which has been identified with the Hanging Rock Iron Region for a century or more, and there are few families that illustrate a more substantial stock and to whom this section is more indebted for the elements of good character in its first settlers than the Browns. Milton Wesley Brown has spent the years of a long and useful life in Scioto County, is a veteran soldier of the Civil war and is now living largely retired at his home in Portsmouth.

Milton H. Brown

Amanda E. Brown

Milton Wesley Brown was born on a farm in Marion Township, Pike County, Ohio, September 2, 1836. His father Royal Brown was born in Vermont, April 11, 1811, and was a son of David and Sally (Hubbard) Brown. Some years ago Milton W. Brown was elected the first president of the reunion of the Brown family, and fortunately his address is preserved and can be quoted for a very interesting account of the early origin and the principal facts in the Brown family history. The essential paragraphs from this address are given as follows:

"Daniel Brown, who was so miraculously saved from death in the massacre of the colony to which he belonged, was the ancestor of this branch of the Brown family in Ohio. It is one of the inherent qualities of the human heart to acquaint ourselves with our family tree, to dwell upon the trials endured and the honors enjoyed by one's ancestors. Hence, by the promptings of this desire, we are here today. In 1646 the ancestors of our tribe emigrated from Scotland and settled in New England, in April of that year. There were eight families in the party. They located in what is now Massachusetts. They made themselves homes in the wilderness, and prepared the best they could for the coming winter. On the 8th of November following, a light snow fell. That night the Indians visited the settlement, and taking the unsuspecting colony by surprise massacred the whole company except one child. The particular Brown who was the ancestor of this family had a wife, two daughters and three sons. One of the sons was named Daniel, eight years of age, who slipped out unnoticed by the excited savages and secreted himself behind the chimney. As soon as the Indians had finished their bloody work they departed and at daybreak little Dan crawled out of his hiding place and went into the house to find his father, mother, two brothers and two sisters murdered and scalped. The child made his way alone through the forest fifteen miles to a settlement and gave the alarm. And from him, Daniel Brown, came our family. Dr. George Brown, D. D., of Pittsburg, and one of the principal founders of the Methodist Protestant Church, was a great-grandson of little Dan. This invincible little hero grew to manhood, married, and had three sons. One settled in New York and we have no record of him. One settled in Virginia and one in Vermont. Their names were Joseph, Amos and David. Dr. George Brown's father, General Jacob Brown, who commanded the American troops at Lundy's Lane in 1814, was a grandson of little Dan. Our great-great-grandfather settled in Vermont, and we are of the Vermont limb.

"Our grandfather David Brown was born in New York in 1783. He was married to Sallie Hubbard in Massachusetts, and moved to Vermont in 1813. He went back to New York from whence he came to Ports-

mouth, Scioto County, Ohio, in 1816. The Hubbards came from England, and settled in what is now Massachusetts. The first of this tribe known was William Hubbard, who was born in England in 1621, and came to America in 1630. He was a minister of the Gospel from 1665 to 1703 in Massachusetts. He was the author of a history of New England. Samuel D. Hubbard was born in Connecticut in 1799 and died in 1855. He was a member of President Fillmore's cabinet. When our grandfather David Brown landed in Portsmouth in 1816 he had just twenty-five cents in money left, but it seemed to be more than he thought he needed, so, agreeable to the custom of the times, he spent his last quarter for whiskey and was happy. He settled first on the Big Scioto river, but it being so sickly there he moved out to the Rocky Fork of Little Scioto, where he built a cabin. At first they had no floor, their bedstead was stakes driven into the ground and poles laid across, and all their belongings were moved on an old grey mare. Nothing daunted, they cleared out the brush, planted corn and potatoes, and Uncle Dow McKinney, who was a little boy and knew them, told me grandfather had turnips enough in the fall to feed the whole settlement. Afterwards he moved his family to what is now Stockdale in Marion township, Pike county where he turned his boys loose in the briars and swamps to root hog or die. But they had rugged constitutions, inured to hardship and the ground seemed to stick to them wherever they settled, and now their posterity owns a goodly share of the land in their community. I remember our grandfather as a short, fleshy old man with white hair who always had a kind word for us little boys. He was a great wrestler in his younger days and when General Jackson was a candidate for the presidency, he made the banter at a gathering of politicians at old Dan McKinney's that he could throw down and man who voted against General Jackson and he received a broken leg in trying to make good his boast. He loved a slick horse trade as well as a cat loves cream, and that trait in his character is not wholly extinct in some of his posterity. Grandmother was a kindhearted, saintly woman, cherished an ardent love for the Christian religion and the Methodist church, and there was nothing I enjoyed more than going over to grandma's and eating a piece of her cake that was kept on the hanging shelf and grandmother never forgot the cake. This was when I was a little boy, but it is still fresh in my mind. Our grandfather's children were eight in number in the order named: Ransom, Huldah, John H., Royal, David, Franklin, Nathan, William H. and Joseph Jackson. I remember going with father one morning to see the place where their house had burned the night before. The bottom logs were still slowly burning. This was before

insuring property was the custom by farmers, and it was a heavy loss to the old folks.

"Grandfather's children were all church members, instilled the principles of religion into the minds and lives of their children, always taking an interest in establishing schools and churches in the community in which they lived, and as a result the Browns are a moral and law abiding people. So far, not a criminal belongs to the tribe. Not a saloon keeper nor a bartender can be found among them, and they were all loyal to their country and the flag. Many of them went at the call of the nation to war, and gallantly fought, bled and suffered for freedom and the Union."

Royal Brown, father of the citizen first named above, was three years old when brought to Ohio by his parents, and was reared amid such pioneer scenes as are glimpsed in the sketch already noted. He was converted in his youth and joined the Methodist Protestant Church, and being ordained as a minister of that denomination joined the Muskingum Conference. He had also learned the stonecutter's trade and built many stone chimneys for his neighbors. In Marion Township he bought a farm, and that was the home of his family many years and is now occupied by his son William B. Royal Brown was active in the ministry until late in life and was finally superannuated, and died in the eighty-fourth year of his age.

Royal Brown was married August 18, 1833, to Rachel Beauchamp. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Prettyman Beauchamp. Her father was a native of England of French ancestry and her mother a native of Delaware and a kin to Dr. Solomon Prettyman, noted as an educator and college president, and also to Rev. Wesley Prettyman, who was sent as a missionary to Bulgaria, while there was persecuted and mishandled by the Mohammedans, and severely wounded, and finally returned home and spent his later years preaching in Ohio. Mrs. Royal Brown survived her husband about three years and died in her eighty-fourth year. She was the mother of eight children who grew up as follows: Harriet, who married Thomas Allard; Milton Wesley; Francis Asbury; John Sheppard; Royal Benton; David Tipton; Rachel Ellen, who first married James Wallace and after his death Louis Nicholet; and William Beauchamp. The son Francis Asbury was converted in his youth and joined the Methodist Protestant Church, served three years during the war with the Ninety-First Ohio Infantry, and after being honorably discharged was ordained a minister, and was active in the work and service of the Methodist Protestant denomination for forty years, twice serving as delegate to the General Conference. The

degree Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the Kansas City University of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Milton Wesley Brown, whose early life was sufficiently back in the last century that he knew many pioneer traditions that are entirely unknown to the present generation, had his school training from the district institutions, and inherited the lessons in morality and thrift and the training in habits of industry which were generally characteristic of his family. In his youth he assisted on the farm and lived with his parents until his marriage. He then bought a farm in Marion Township and went in debt for the property. At the end of about a year he sold this farm at considerable loss and then moved to Scioto County and bought a farm of 101 acres near Harrisonville. That was good land with fair improvements and he set up as a general farmer and as a dealer in cattle.

Mr. Brown had a notable career as a soldier during the Civil war. On August 11, 1862, he enlisted in Company G of the Ninety-First Regiment of Ohio Infantry and was appointed a corporal. Going to the front with the command he was one of twelve men with the Ninety-First Regiment which were assigned to duty in Blazer's Company of Scouts, Mr. Brown being a non-commissioned officer in that organization. Blazer's Scouts were organized for the express purpose of effectively opposing Mosby's Guerillas, which at that time were exceedingly troublesome. Mr. Brown remained with his command in its many raids and encounters with Mosby's men until October, 1864. His horse fell and he was thrown to the ground and his arm broken, and as a result of this injury he applied to General Crook for a furlough. The general at first said that no furloughs were being given to anyone at that time but then asked the petitioner what command he belonged to, and on being told Blazer's Scouts, General Crook said if he was to do anyone a favor it would be to a member of that band, and told Mr. Brown to go to his regimental surgeon, get a certificate of disability, and then go to the division commander, General Rutherford B. Hayes, for approval. Mr. Brown did this and General Crook granted the furlough allowing him to return home. At the expiration of his furlough he started for Virginia to rejoin his command. Arriving in that state he learned that only a few days before Blazer's Scouts had been ambushed and most of them killed, wounded or taken prisoners, Commander Blazer himself being among those who were captured and taken to Libby Prison. Such being the status of affairs Mr. Brown rejoined his regiment in the regular command and continued with it until the close of the war. During his service he participated in many important campaigns and fights, and among other experiences was at Cedar Creek and

saw Sheridan when he joined his troops after his memorable ride from Winchester, and saw him swing his cap—not a hat as the poem says—in order to rally his men and lead them to victory. Mr. Brown was honorably discharged with his regiment in June, 1865, and returning home resumed farming and continued that vocation with unusual success for many years. His land under his good management was well improved and was increased by new purchases to upwards of 600 acres. From 1894 to 1898 Mr. Brown was engaged in the sale of farm implements in company with his oldest son. In 1887 he was elected a county commissioner, serving two terms. In politics he is a republican. He is a charter member of the G. A. R., Scioto Post, of Harrisonville. His home remained on the farm until 1907, in which year he moved into Portsmouth and has since lived somewhat retired in that city.

On August 21, 1856, Mr. Brown married Sarah Wood. She was born in Scioto County December 14, 1837. Her father, Simeon Wood, was born in Cayuga County, New York, September 7, 1804. Abner Wood, the grandfather, was born in 1766, one of a family of sixteen children. In 1808 Abner Wood migrated to Ohio, accompanied by his family, and located at Alexandria, then the principal town in Scioto County. However, he soon moved to the east side, but in consequence of the sufferings from the fever and ague in 1812 he moved to Little Scioto and settled in Harrison Township, improving a farm and living there until his death at an advanced age. Simeon Wood, the father of Mrs. Brown, succeeded to the ownership of the old home farm and lived there until his death at the good age of ninety-two. He is buried in the Wood Cemetery. Simeon Wood married Emeline White, who was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, a daughter of Daniel White, who came to Scioto County and lived and died in Greene Township. Mrs. Brown died February 20, 1906. On September 16, 1907, Mr. Brown married Mrs. Amanda (May) Cox. She was born in Lewis County, Kentucky, daughter of Benjamin Franklin May. She was unusually well educated, and possessed musical talent which was cultivated and which she employed for several years in association with her brother, the Rev. Frank May, a Baptist minister and well known evangelist. Miss May led the singing at many successful revivals over which her brother presided. As a young woman she married William Cox, a successful merchant at Concord, Kentucky, with a branch store at Poplar Flats. He died in 1895. Mr. Brown by his first wife had five children: Asbury; Rachel, who died at the age of one year; Charles Wesley; Emmeline Florence; and Edgar. Mr. Brown is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Peter Kaps. An honored veteran of the Civil war, and for many years one of the useful and active citizens of Portsmouth, but now living retired in Florida, Peter Kaps has now passed the age of four score years, and from early childhood until the close of his mature activities was identified with this section of Ohio.

Peter Kaps was born in the village of Landen, Bavaria, Germany, May 19, 1833. His father, Kasper Kaps, was born December 10, 1797, in the same locality of Bavaria, and was reared and educated there. For seven years he served in the army of the King of Bavaria, and later became a dealer in live stock. This occupation developed into an extensive business, and he made a number of trips to Paris on business missions, and often told his children about the fireside at home of his experiences. He usually went to Paris either through Metz or Strassburg. In 1836 Kasper Kaps emigrated to America, accompanied by his wife and two children. The journey was made in a sailing vessel, which was six weeks after leaving the old country before it landed them in New York. After a brief stay in Albany, the family took passage on an Erie canal boat, and by way of that canal and Lake Erie reached the State of Ohio. They first visited in Southern Ohio at Piketown, where a cousin, Michael Nessler, lived. This cousin advised Kasper Kaps to locate in Portsmouth, which he did. Here he was employed at various occupations, and had a pleasant home near the corner of what is now Court, Ninth and Chillicothe streets in Portsmouth. He had land for a garden, and kept a cow, pigs and poultry, and while paying twelve and a half cents a bushel for corn, often sold the surplus eggs at four cents a dozen, and pork at two and a half cents a pound. Kasper Kaps frequently told his children of the sacrifices involved in leaving his native country, where he had a prosperous business, and the reason for coming to America was that his son might avoid the burdensome army service. In spite of that fact, two of his sons joined the army during the war between the states and saw active service.

Peter Kaps was three years old when the family located in Portsmouth, and while growing up on the homestead above mentioned, attended school whenever opportunity offered. It is recalled that he sat in the same seat at school with Jim Ashley, who afterwards rose to prominence as governor of Ohio. Miss Elizabeth Waller was their teacher. Besides school attendance Peter Kaps worked for Daniel Parshley at farming and bricklaying, and served a full apprenticeship at bricklaying with Hon. William Newman, a brother of George Newman. The bricklayer's trade was his vocation until the breaking out of the war.

On November 9, 1861, Peter Kaps enlisted in Company K of the Fifteenth Regiment of Kentucky Infantry. He went south with the regiment, and was in all its movements and campaigns until the close of the war. Among the more important engagements in which he participated were those at Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Dallas, Resaca and Jonesboro, all of them critical and historic points in the great conflict between the armies of the North and South during the struggle for Tennessee and Georgia. At Chattanooga by appointment from General J. B. Steadman, Mr. Kaps served as Barracks' Commander from March 16 to May 2, 1864. Enlisting as a private, he was promoted until he held the rank of first lieutenant. He was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service January 14, 1865, at Louisville.

After returning home Mr. Kaps formed a partnership with his brother in the contracting and building business, and that was the line of work in which he did his chief service while a resident of Portsmouth. During that time he had the contract for the building of many of the best residences and business blocks in the city. Mr. Kaps was actively engaged in business until 1904. In 1897 he had removed with his family to a farm, and lived there for several years. In October, 1910, having disposed of his various business interests, he removed to Florida, and purchased property at Zephyr Hill and St. Cloud, and now makes his home there, and as a pastime cultivates tropical fruits.

On January 1, 1871, Mr. Kaps married Elizabeth Evans. She was born at Tipton, Staffordshire, England, a daughter of James Evans. Her father was a native of England, and on coming to America first located in St. Louis, was in business there a time, until an epidemic of cholera drove him away, when he removed to Newport, Kentucky, and was for a time employed at Swift's rolling mills. From there he came to Portsmouth, and for a number of years was head sheet roller at the Gaylord plant. His later years were spent in Portsmouth, but he died at Atwater, Ohio, at the age of eighty-seven. James Evans married Lydia Taylor, who was born in 1812 at Dudley, Staffordshire, England. Mr. and Mrs. Kaps are the parents of three sons: James E., George P., and Henry H. Mr. Kaps has been a republican since casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and among other things which illustrate his public spirit he served for five years as a member of the city council of Portsmouth.

James E. Kaps. The contracting and building business which engaged the attention of Peter Kaps for so many years at Portsmouth is

now continued through his sons under the name of Kaps Brothers. James E. Kaps, of this firm, is a practical man in the construction trades, and one of Portsmouth's leading business men.

He was born at Portsmouth, September 12, 1872, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Evans) Kaps, and grew up in his native city, with an education in the public schools. As a boy he began learning the trade of bricklayer, and in 1900 became associated with his brother, Henry H. Kaps, and their firm has since had a large share of the contracting and building business in Portsmouth and vicinity.

Mr. Kaps was married January 22, 1905, to Cora Blanche Bussey, who was born in Vernon Township of Scioto County. Her father, Aaron Bussey, who was born in the same township and of parents who were among the pioneers of Scioto County, was reared on a farm, and farming has been his chief line of activity. For nearly twenty-five years, however, he has been engaged in public construction work as foreman for Samuel Monroe and Samuel Monroe & Sons. Aaron Bussey married Flora Call, who was born in Vernon Township, which was also the birthplace of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Kaps are the parents of two sons: Russel and Howard. Mr. Kaps was reared in the Episcopal Church, while his wife is a Baptist. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Massie Lodge, No. 115, Knights of Pythias.

George P. Kaps. The second of the sons of Peter and Elizabeth (Evans) Kaps, George P. Kaps, was born at Portsmouth, September 12, 1875, grew up in that town, and received his education from the public schools. At the age of fifteen he began learning the trade of bricklayer, and has made that trade the basis of his business career. At the present time he is foreman in the bricklaying department for the firm of Kaps Brothers.

George P. Kaps was married in 1900 to Martha Barbee. She was born in Portsmouth, a daughter of William A. and Mary (Gable) Barbee, and is a sister of Mrs. Albert Turner, under whose name a sketch of the family will be found on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Kaps are the parents of six children, named Carl, Ruth, Edith, Helen, George P., Jr., and Margaret.

Henry H. Kaps. The junior member of the firm of Kaps Brothers, contractors and builders, at Portsmouth, is one of the younger business men of that city, and has found the opportunities for success in the same line of activities which have engaged his father and his brothers. In November, 1915, he was elected mayor by the largest vote ever cast for that office.

Henry H. Kaps was born at Portsmouth, February 4, 1878, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Evans) Kaps. Reared in Portsmouth, educated in the city schools, he learned the trade of bricklayer under his father's direction and continued under the elder Kaps in the practical details of contracting and building until the latter's retirement. At that time he and his brother James succeeded to the business. They have developed a thorough organization and all the mechanical facilities for carrying out successful contracts in general building work, and particularly in the construction of brick and reinforced concrete buildings. A large part of their business is also in the construction of roads, bridges, sewers, sidewalks and other public work.

Henry H. Kaps was first married in 1906 to Frances Merrill. She was born in Wheelersburg, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Pixley) Merrill. Mrs. Kaps died in 1910, leaving a daughter named Elizabeth. The present Mrs. Kaps was, before her marriage, Mrs. Carrie (Beatty) Belmart, the widow of Simeon Belmart. Her parents were Alexander and Mary (Skelton) Beatty. Mr. Kaps is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Charles Vincent Wertz. Noteworthy among the enterprising and prosperous residents of Portsmouth is Charles Vincent Wertz, who is carrying on a substantial business as a dealer in real estate. A son of Charles Wertz, he was born April 27, 1872, in the City of Portsmouth, coming from German ancestry.

A native of Germany, Charles Wertz was left fatherless when a young child. His widowed mother being left in somewhat straightened circumstances, came with her little family to America, locating in Portsmouth, where she subsequently married Jacob Kunzelman, with whom she removed to Beaver, Pike County, where they both spent their remaining days. Charles Wertz became self-supporting at an early age, working at any honest employment until entering a printing office, where, in addition to learning the printers' trade, he acquired a very good education. He was afterwards clerk on a steamer plying between Cincinnati and New Orleans for a number of seasons. Resigning that position, he opened a cafe in Portsmouth, and thereafter conducted it successfully until his death, in 1897, at the age of fifty years. The maiden name of the wife of Charles Wertz was Elizabeth Barr. A daughter of William Barr, she was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, of German lineage. Her paternal grandfather, Thomas Barr, was born, reared, and married in Germany. Late in life he bade adieu to the fatherland, came to Ohio, and spent his last days in Chillicothe. Born and educated in Germany, William Barr was fourteen years of age

when he came to America. Locating in Pike County, Ohio, he was for a while employed in the stone works at Waverly, and subsequently lived for two or three years in Iowa, and for two years in Portsmouth. He died, at the early age of forty-eight years, in Waverly, Ohio. The maiden name of the wife of William Barr was Phebe Rodenmeyer. Born and bred in Germany, she came to this country at the age of twenty-two years, and until her marriage kept house for her uncle, Valentine Frey, near Waverly. She died in Portsmouth, at the age of forty-seven years, leaving four children, as follows: Katherine; Frederick; Elizabeth, who married Charles Wertz; and Charles. Mrs. Elizabeth Wertz died March 9, 1815. She had two children, namely: Charles Vincent, the special subject of this brief biographical sketch; and Laura, who married John Wilhelm, and has one child, Harold Wilhelm. Both parents belonged to the German Evangelical Church, and the father was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Having obtained a practical common school education, Charles Vincent Wertz began his career as a clerk in a mercantile establishment. Not content, however, with his position and future prospects in that capacity, he finally turned his attention to the real estate business, and in his various transactions has met with most satisfactory results. He makes a specialty of buying extensive acreage, and after platting his property, builds upon it, and sells at a fair profit. In this way Mr. Wertz has built up a large and lucrative business, and has done much to promote the growth and prosperity of city and county.

On September 15, 1897, Mr. Wertz was united in marriage with Clara Slagle, who was born at Powellsville, Ohio, a daughter of Dr. Jacob and Katherine Slagle. Mr. and Mrs. Wertz are the parents of three children, namely: Margaret, Charles, and William. Fraternally, Mr. Wertz is a member of Magnolia Lodge, No. 390, Knights of Pythias.

Oscar R. Micklethwait, M.D. Occupying a place of prominence among the younger and successful physicians and surgeons of Scioto County, Oscar R. Micklethwait, M. D., has an extensive and lucrative practice in Portsmouth, and is fast winning for himself an honored name in medical circles. He was born on the old Martin Funk homestead, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, William R. Micklethwait.

His paternal grandfather, Joseph Micklethwait, was born near Snaith, in Yorkshire, England, where his parents were lifelong residents. Having served an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade in Yorkshire, he came to America in early manhood, settling in Portsmouth, Ohio, where he followed his trade for a time. After his mar-

riage he settled on a farm belonging to his father-in-law, Martin Funk, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1848, at the early age of forty-two years. His wife, whose maiden name was Barbara Funk, was born at Oldtown, Scioto County, Ohio, in 1801. Her father, Martin Funk, was born in 1761, in Stephenson, Frederick County, Virginia, and was but an infant when his parents settled in Hagerstown, Maryland, and a lad of nine years when they removed to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood. Coming to Ohio in 1798, he settled in Scioto County, on land on which, according to the history written by Mr. Keyes, he lived for four or five years. Mr. Funk then bought from Mr. Massie several hundred acres of land lying near Portsmouth, and near a spring of running water built a log cabin. The direct road to Chillicothe passed his house, which he opened to the traveling public. In 1813 General Meigs issued a call for the militia of this section of the state to turn out and repel the British, who had invaded Ohio, and surrounded Fort Meigs. Every man on the muster roll of the county was ordered to appear at Martin Funk's house, from which they all marched to the scene of battle. Mr. Funk subsequently erected a substantial brick house, which is still standing, one of the oldest residences in the county. He was very prosperous in business, in addition to carrying on general farming successfully, owning and operating a distillery. At his death, which occurred October 16, 1838, he left a large estate, which was divided among his children. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and during the later years of his life drew a pension.

Martin Funk married Elizabeth Studebaker, who was born in 1772, and died in 1822. She belonged to a family of much prominence, being closely related to the Studebaker family of Indiana. She was said to have been a capable and energetic woman, well versed in all the domestic arts.

The birth of William R. Micklethwait occurred on the old Funk homestead, July 23, 1843. He was there brought up, and eventually succeeded to its ownership, the farm being now included within the limits of the City of Portsmouth. For many years he carried on an extensive and highly remunerative business as a market gardener and dairyman, but is now living retired from active pursuits, enjoying a well-earned leisure. He married, January 6, 1874, Abigail Dever, who was born in Madison Township, Scioto County, a daughter of William Dever and granddaughter of Solomon Dever.

George Dever, the great-grandfather of Abigail Dever, was born, reared and married in Virginia. Migrating with his family to Ohio, he lived for a few years in vicinity of Sandusky, from there removing to

what is now Jackson County. At that early day the greater part of all the land in Ohio was owned by the Government. It was heavily timbered, and largely inhabited by the wild beasts of the forest and the dusky savages. Instead of settling on the rich bottom lands, George Dever, fearing malaria, sought the more healthful hilly regions, and bought a tract of land in what is now Hamilton Township, Jackson County. There clearing a farm from the wilderness, he continued his residence until his death.

Born in Virginia in 1786, Solomon Dever was young when brought by his parents to Ohio. He made the best of his offered opportunities for acquiring an education, and when ready to start in life on his own account bought land in Hamilton Township, and engaged in farming. Portsmouth, twenty miles away, was the nearest market, and as the roads leading to that city were very poor, for a number of years he had to transport his surplus farm produce on pack saddles. A wise manager and able business man, he acquired several tracts of land in Jackson County, and a number of acres just across the line in Scioto County. He was a man of great mental and physical strength, and attained the ripe old age of eighty-nine years. His wife, whose maiden name was Chloe Mault, died at the age of eighty-eight years.

William Dever, Doctor Micklethwait's maternal grandfather, was born October 20, 1825, on the home farm in Hamilton Township, where he grew to manhood, in the meantime obtaining a practical common school education, and a good knowledge of agriculture. Subsequently settling on a farm in Madison Township, he remained there until 1881, when he bought property across the line in Jackson County, where he carried on general farming with success until his death, at the age of four score and four years. The maiden name of his wife was Louisa McDowell. She was born in Madison Township, the daughter of a pioneer, Samuel McDowell, who there improved a farm, on which he resided until after the death of his first wife, Elizabeth (Bennett) McDowell. He then moved to Franklin County, where he married a second time, and lived until his death. Mr. and Mrs. William R. Micklethwait reared four children, namely: William D.; Joseph T.; Oscar R., the special subject of this sketch; and Louise.

Acquiring his elementary education in the rural schools, Oscar R. Micklethwait was graduated from the Portsmouth High School with the class of 1901, and later continued his studies at Adelbert College, in Cleveland. Deciding upon a professional career, he then entered the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1906, with the degree of M. D. Subsequently spending a year as an interne at St. Mary's Hospital, Doctor Micklethwait began the practice

of his chosen profession in Portsmouth. He has been successful from the start, and deserves credit for the position he has won, not only as a physician and surgeon, but as one of the most popular and esteemed citizens of the place.

Doctor Micklethwait married, June 6, 1910, Laura Allard, a daughter of Wesley Allard and granddaughter of Thomas Allard. Her great-grandfather, Joseph Allard, a native of England, married Mary Gardner, and settled near Sheffield, England, where her death occurred about 1832. Soon after the death of his young wife, he came to America, bringing with him his four children, William, Sarah, Lydia and Thomas. Locating in Madison Township, Scioto County, Ohio, he cleared a farm, on which he spent his remaining days. Thomas Allard, the youngest child of Joseph Allard, was born near Sheffield, England, January 27, 1829, and as a young child was brought by his father to Scioto County, where he was reared and educated. Locating in Pike County about 1855, he bought, in Marion Township, a tract of land, a few acres of which had been cleared, and in the opening a log house had been built. He improved the remainder of the land, erected a good set of frame buildings, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. The maiden name of the wife of Thomas Allard was Harriet A. Brown. She was a daughter of Rev. Royal Brown, a Protestant Methodist preacher, and granddaughter of Daniel Brown, who came from New York State to Ohio in pioneer days, locating in Pike County. Rev. Royal Brown married Rachael Beauchamp, a daughter of John Beauchamp, who was likewise one of the pioneer settlers of Pike County. Wesley Allard, Mrs. Micklethwait's father, was born in Marion Township and educated in Pike County. He is now a successful coal operator in Jackson County. The maiden name of the wife of Wesley Allard was Sarah Frances Davis. Her father, John Davis, Mrs. Micklethwait's maternal grandfather, owns and operates a woolen mill and a flour mill in Jackson. He married Susan Elizabeth Burns, who, like himself, was a native of Virginia, her father having lived about fifty miles from Richmond, where he owned a large plantation, which he operated with slave labor.

Mrs. Micklethwait is a woman of talent and culture. She was graduated from the Jackson High School with the class of 1905, and subsequently attended the Ohio University, at Athens, for three years. The Doctor is a member of the county board of pension examiners of Scioto County; of the Hempstead Academy of Medicine, which he has served as treasurer; and of the Ohio State Medical Association. He is now surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company.

Rolley E. Bennett. It is a substantial tribute to a family when it can be said that what one generation has secured and won from the dominion of the wilderness, the next following has continued to improve and has increased in value. That is real progress, and the community is blessed that has a goodly number of such families. One of this type which has been identified with Scioto County since the beginning of civilized things is that of Bennett, and there is a large family relationship of that name in the Hanging Rock Iron Region. Rolley E. Bennett, of the fourth generation of the family, is one of the most substantial farmers of Madison Township, and proprietor of the Sugar Grove Dairy Farm, comprising 240 acres of well-improved land, situated sixteen miles north of Portsmouth. Although Mr. Bennett has been an extremely busy man, with large private interests, he has found time to devote to the needs of his community, and has well measured up to the high standards always associated with the Bennett name in this section of the state.

Rolley E. Bennett was born on the farm that he now occupies, November 16, 1856, a son of Thomas J. and Margaret B. (Boiler) Bennett. Thomas J. Bennett was a son of Thomas and Nancy (Jenkins) Bennett. Thomas Bennett, in turn, was a son of Robert Bennett, a native of Virginia, who came to Southern Ohio among the pioneers, acquired Government land in Scioto County, and spent the rest of his days a factor in the early citizenship and a man who extended the area of cultivation and improvement. Robert Bennett was the father of the following children: Robert, Charles, John, Caleb, Thomas, Mamie, Nancy. Thomas Bennett and Nancy Jenkins were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, Margaret, Eleanor, Maria, Caleb, Rolley E., Joshua and Thomas J.

Thomas J. Bennett was born in Madison Township of Scioto County, December 31, 1813, that date attesting the extremely early settlement of the family in this section. His death occurred after a long and prosperous career on July 9, 1882. Margaret Boiler, his wife, was born in Pike County, Ohio, January 8, 1814, and died December 9, 1894. Of their eight children four are still living: Nancy B., wife of Rufus Pool of Harrison Township; Thomas J., who married Mary A. Adams and lives in Jefferson Township; Anna, wife of Joshua Smart, of Mitchell, South Dakota; and Rolley E. Bennett. The deceased children in this family are: Matilda; Martha E.; Malinda, who married a Mr. Jenkins; Mary, who died near Salem, Oregon, in 1882; and Joseph, who died at Beaver, in Pike County, Ohio, October 24, 1910.

Rolley E. Bennett was reared on the home farm, acquired a district schooling, and since early manhood has been identified with the activi-

ties of the farm and the management of a first-class dairy. On May 9, 1880, he married Jessie F. Moore, who was born in Harrison Township of Scioto County, March 9, 1857, and grew up in that vicinity and received her education there. To their marriage have been born nine children, eight of whom are living: Agnes, wife of Ira Coriell, of Harrison Township; Chloe, who died in infancy; Gertrude, the wife of George Craig, of Jefferson Township, Scioto County; Clarence, who married Maggie Stout and lives in Madison Township, Scioto County; Ica and Iva, twins, the former the wife of Floyd Lemon and the latter the wife of William Gampp; Lillie F., who married Paul E. Cromer, of Springfield, Ohio; Nona I., and Emma E., the former of whom is engaged in teaching school.

The family are members of the local Grange, and Mr. Bennett is its secretary. In politics a republican, he has done much for his community, and has served as assessor of Madison Township and was a member of the school board.

David McKenzie. The owner of Glendale Farm, one of the finely improved and valuable landed estates of Scioto County, Mr. McKenzie is to be recognized as one of the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of the Hanging Rock Iron Region and the beautiful Scioto Valley, even as he is known as a sterling citizen of utmost loyalty and public spirit. His farm comprises 370 acres and is situated in Madison Township, 5½ miles east of Lucasville. Further interest attaches to his career by reason of the fact that he was born on a portion of the farm that is now owned by him and that he is a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of this favored section of the Buckeye State.

David McKenzie was born on the old homestead farm in Madison Township, Scioto County, on the 21st of September, 1843, and is a son of David and Harriet (McIntosh) McKenzie, both of whom were born and reared in Scotland, but the marriage of whom was solemnized in the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from which state they shortly afterward immigrated to Ohio and numbered themselves among the pioneers of Scioto County. The old homestead farm was covered with heavy timber save for a clearing of two acres when they established their residence in Madison Township, but unremitting industry and good management soon brought results and the father eventually developed a productive farm, both he and his wife here passing the residue of their long and useful lives, which were guided and governed by the highest principles, so that theirs was the goodly gift of confidence and esteem granted them by all with whom they came in contact, their names meriting enduring place on the roll of the sterling pioneers of Scioto

County. Of their five children three are now living: Marjorie is the wife of John Flowers, of Madison Township; Daniel, who was a valiant soldier in an Ohio regiment in the Civil war and who now resides at Cleveland, and David, who is the immediate subject of this review.

David McKenzie, inheriting the sturdy characteristics of his Scottish forebears, has been a man of industry, energy and good judgment, and has lived an upright and righteous life, so that he has retained at all times the high regard of his fellowmen, the while he has achieved success that is worthy of the name. He was reared to the sturdy discipline of the pioneer farm and was afforded in his youth the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period, so that he was enabled to lay a firm foundation for the admirable superstructure of knowledge which represents the results of self-application and appreciation of the lessons to be learned under the wise head-master, experience. He has never severed his allegiance to the great fundamental industry of agriculture and is now one of its substantial and influential representatives in his native county, with a full appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship and an earnest desire to contribute to the extent of his ability in the promotion of measures and enterprises tending to advance the general welfare of the community. He is a republican in his political proclivities, but has had no desire for the honors or emoluments of public office.

On the 24th of October, 1873, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McKenzie to Miss Mary E. Rice, and of their nine children all are living except one: Mary is the wife of Edward Brown; Harriet is the wife of Charles Ault; Cora is the wife of Harlan Brown; Jessie is the widow of Clay Shearer; Jennie is the wife of Joseph Zaler; Albert is a farmer of Harrison Township, Scioto County; Earl, who married Miss Margaret Fullerton, is engaged in farming in Madison Township; Clarence, who wedded Miss Julia Kallner, is a farmer of Jefferson Township; and Ray remains at the parental home.

Charles Steahley. Material prosperity has long been in the possession of Mr. Steahley, who is a farmer and respected citizen of Clay Township in Scioto County. Mr. Steahley has earned all that he has ever acquired, and few men have performed a more skillful and industrious part in the life and activities of Clay Township during the last forty or fifty years than this citizen. His farm and all its surroundings indicate the thrifty and efficient character of the proprietor. Mr. Steahley started out with very little more than the average young man of his time has on arriving at manhood, and all his accumulations represent his industry and honorable dealings.

Charles Steahley was born in Baden, Germany, May 6, 1842. His father died in Germany, and the widow with her four sons came to the United States, and after living a time in Pennsylvania, moved to Southern Ohio and bought the land where Charles Steahley now has his home. Mr. Steahley was educated in the schools of America, and early in life took up the struggle for existence. He is the owner of 160 acres of well improved land, and among his fellow citizens is regarded as a farmer who knows his business and has succeeded as a result of close application to his work.

Mr. Steahley married Caroline Lenhardt. They are the parents of five living children: Charles Steahley; Lizzie, the wife of John Sheppard; Mary, who married Edward Kennedy; Clara and Anna, both unmarried and living at home. The family are members of the Catholic Church at Portsmouth. Mr. Steahley is a democrat in politics.

Patrick B. Henry has had an active career, one in which he has accumulated prosperity for himself, and at the same time has been able to help others, and used his influence as a quiet but useful citizen to promote the community welfare. Mr. Henry is now a retired farmer living at Lucasville, but many years of his active life were spent at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Patrick B. Henry was born at Duck's Run in Scioto County, July 6, 1866, a son of Frank and Maria (Morgan) Henry. His father was a native of New Jersey and his mother of Ohio. The maternal grandfather served as an officer during the Mexican war, enlisting from Morgantown, Virginia, and he was a general in the army. He was also one of the founders of Portsmouth, and was one of the earliest settlers in the Scioto Valley, Morgan Township having been named in his honor. Patrick B. Henry has the following brothers and sisters: Rachel, wife of James Jordan; Thomas, who is a carpenter in Scioto County; John, a butcher in Scioto County; and Frank, of Wellsburg, West Virginia.

When Patrick B. Henry was about fifteen months of age his parents died, and he was then taken into the home of a benevolent aunt, Rachel Jones, who gave him a liberal education and reared him to manhood, so that he started in life well equipped for its serious duties. Mr. Henry lived for about nineteen years in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and during that time was engaged in the produce business, and in that way got his start toward a successful career.

In 1892 Mr. Henry married Anna G. Monaghan, of Pittsburgh, where she was born and educated. In December, 1898, Mr. and Mrs. Henry returned to Scioto County, Ohio, and since that time his interests have been largely along agricultural lines. The immediate cause

of his return to Scioto County was to look after his aunt's property and also her own welfare. He owed much to her for his early training, and gave her a good home and the consideration of a son during her declining years. She died January 29, 1914.

In politics Mr. Henry is a republican, and has taken quite an active part in local affairs. He is the owner of 300 acres of fine land in Valley Township of Scioto County.

Henry Knore. One of the best improved farms in Scioto County is the Knore estate in Harrison Township. It is the home of progressive German-American citizenship, where Henry Knore has lived and given his energies to its development and improvement during the forty or fifty years of his active life. For what he has accomplished as a farmer, and also for his influence in citizenship and as a helpful factor in community affairs, Henry Knore has the respect and esteem of the entire community. His estate is known as the Maple Grove Farm, comprising 330 acres of land situate five miles north of Sciotoville on the Harrisonville Pike.

Henry Knore, though most of his life has been spent in America, was born in Germany, February 22, 1851, son of Christian and Anna M. (Miller) Knore. The parents were born, reared, educated and married in Germany, and not long after the birth of Henry Knore set out for the United States, arriving in Scioto County and locating on the farm now owned by Henry on May 2, 1853. That continued to be their place of residence until both parents passed away, after long and worthy lives. Only two of their children are still living, and Mr. Knore's sister is Caroline, wife of William Turner, whose home is near Wait Station in Scioto County.

Henry Knore was about two years of age when he came to the United States with his parents, grew up on the old homestead, and while attending district school in the winter months, was trained to all the emergencies and responsibilities of farm life. He knows farming both in its practical and theoretical phases, and is one of the men who have made more than an ordinary success of that industry in Scioto County.

Mr. Knore first married Nevada B. Wait, who died eight months after their marriage. He then married Anna A. Henneman, who was born in Pennsylvania and came to Jackson County, Ohio. Her father was a Lutheran minister. Mr. and Mrs. Knore have nine children still living: Charles, a farmer in Harrison Township; Sarah, wife of Clarence Schomberg; Frank, who married Stella Schomberg; Anna, wife of Charles Snodgrass; Willie, who married Ida Frowine; Lena,

wife of George Schope; Lewis, who married Abbie Bennett; Ella, who is married to William Wicks; Henry, unmarried and a resident of Athens, Ohio. The family are members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Knore is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Harrisonville, and is a member and treasurer of both the Sunshine and Pomona Granges. In politics a democrat, he has been honored by his Township of Harrison with election to the office of township treasurer.

Mitchell Evans. At the time of his death, which occurred on the 13th of March, 1908, at his fine farm homestead in Nile Township, Mr. Evans was one of the most venerable and honored pioneer citizens of Scioto County, within whose borders he had resided for more than seventy years, he having been a lad of twelve years when he came with his widowed mother from Kentucky to this county. His life was one of industry and well directed endeavor and he was long numbered among the representative farmers of the county, the while his course was guided by lofty principles of integrity and with a high sense of personal stewardship, so that he merited and held the inviolable confidence and esteem of his fellowmen. He witnessed the development and upbuilding of Scioto County from the stage of pioneer conditions to twentieth century opulence and prosperity, and contributed his quota to the civic and material progress of this favored section of the Buckeye State, his character and achievement having been such as to make most consistent the according in this volume of a definite tribute to his memory.

Mitchell Evans was born in Bracken County, Kentucky, on the 29th of October, 1820, and was a son of Abram and Esther (Turner) Evans, the patronymic indicating that the genealogy may be traced back to Welsh origin, though the family was founded in America in the early colonial days. The parents of Mr. Evans were born on Deal's Island, in Chesapeake Bay, Somerset County, Maryland, and his grandfather, Solomon Evans, was largely interested in the fisheries for which that island has been noted for many years, especially in the propagation of oysters. Solomon Evans was likewise a farmer on this beautiful little island, and, so far as available data indicate, it is virtually assured that his entire life was passed on Deal's Island. Abram Evans was reared and educated in Maryland, where his marriage was solemnized. Esther Turner, though still quite young at the time of her marriage to Abram Evans, was a widow with one child, a daughter named Nancy, whom they brought to Kentucky. The name of her first husband was Revelle. Finally Mr. Evans immigrated with his family to Kentucky and became one of the pioneer settlers of Bracken County, that state,

where his death occurred only a few years later. About the year 1832 his widow came with her children to Scioto County, Ohio, where she passed the remainder of her life and where she reared her three sons and four daughters, the names of the sons having been John, Solomon and Mitchell.

As previously stated, Mitchell Evans was about twelve years old at the time of the family removal to Scioto County, and it is supposed that he attended the pioneer schools for some time, though his broader education was acquired under the preceptorship of that wisest of all headmasters, Experience, and he became a man of broad information and mature judgment. As a youth he became identified with navigation interests on the Ohio River and after learning thoroughly the course of this stream, he found employment as a pilot on one of the large steamboats. Later he became a successful representative of the lumber business in this section of the state, as a dealer in tan bark, which he "boated" to Cincinnati, Louisville, and Madison, Indiana.

In 1863 Mr. Evans, whose industry and economy had enabled him to accumulate an appreciable capital, made a judicious investment in a tract of land in the Ohio River bottoms, in Nile Township and about six miles below Portsmouth. Here he developed one of the splendid farms of Scioto County, making the best of improvements on the place and continuing his residence here until the close of his long and useful life. He was nearly eighty-eight years of age at the time of his death, and was revered in the community as one of the sterling citizens and representative pioneers of Scioto County, where his name and memory shall be held in lasting honor. He won success and prosperity by well-ordered effort, was leal and loyal in all of the relations of life, and his circle of friends was coincident with that of his acquaintances. Liberal and public-spirited, but never a seeker of official preferment, he accorded staunch allegiance to the republican party, and he was for many years one of the most valued and influential members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the little Village of Friendship. He served as class leader and steward of this church, of which his widow likewise is a devoted member; she still resides on the beautiful old homestead farm and is a loved figure in the social life of the community, her home being known for its gracious hospitality. Mrs. Evans is active in church work, in which connection she is a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and as a descendant from sterling revolutionary stock she is a member of the Joseph Spencer Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in the City of Portsmouth.

Mr. Evans was twice married. The maiden name of his first wife was Maria Bradford, and she was survived by three children: Charles,

Emory and Maria. Charles and Maria are deceased, but Emory owns a farm near Portsmouth on which he resides. On the 7th of May, 1868, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Evans to Miss Rachel Ellen Murphy, who was born in Green Township, Adams County, Ohio, and who is a daughter of David W. and Cynthia Ann (McCall) Murphy, both representatives of well-known and highly honored pioneer families of this part of the Buckeye State. David W. Murphy was born in New Jersey, and his father, Recompense Murphy, was born near Daretown, Salem County, that state, a son of William Murphy, who likewise was a native of New Jersey, and whose father was born in England and became the founder of the American branch of the family. As a young man this sturdy progenitor came to America on a sailing vessel of the type common to that early period, and just before landing in the New World he married a young woman who had been likewise a passenger on the vessel, the chaplain of which performed the nuptial ceremony on shipboard. The young couple established their residence in New Jersey, and lived for a number of years. William Murphy, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Evans, and the first child of this union, was reared to manhood in New Jersey and represented that colony as a valiant soldier of the Continental line in the war of the Revolution. When well advanced in years he came to the West to live with his son Samuel, who was a pioneer of Indiana, and in whose home, situated near the dividing line between that state and Ohio, the venerable father passed the residue of his life, as did also his wife, whose maiden name was Phoebe Sherry, the remains of both being interred in the old Bath cemetery, seven miles distant from Oxford, Butler County, Ohio. William and Phoebe (Sherry) Murphy became the parents of six children, namely: John, William, Recompense, Samuel, Mary and Rachel. John passed his entire life in New Jersey and all of the other children came to the West. Mary became the wife of David Swing, of Cincinnati, and they were the grandparents of Rev. David Swing, who became one of the most distinguished clergymen and orators of the West, with residence in the City of Chicago, and who attained to national reputation. Rachel wedded David Ogden, who became a prominent and influential citizen of Cincinnati.

Recompense Murphy, grandfather of Mrs. Evans, was reared and educated in New Jersey, and there, in 1799, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Catherine Newkirk, a member of a prominent old family of that state. In 1805 they came to Ohio, about three years after the admission of the state to the Union, and they were accompanied by their two children. The long and weary journey was made by stage and canal to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from which place they came down

the Ohio River by boat to the mouth of Turkey Creek, in the newly created County of Scioto, there having been several other colonists in the party. Near the landing these sturdy pioneers found a small clearing in the midst of the forest wilds, and on the same they planted corn, to provide for future necessities. Recompense Murphy then set forth in search of an eligible location, and he finally purchased 320 acres of land in the locality known as Sandy Springs, in Adams County, paying for this property $1,000 in gold. With all of energy and fortitude he set himself vigorously to the clearing and reclaiming of his land and to placing the same under effective cultivation. Prosperity attended his indefatigable labors and in the course of time he erected a substantial brick house on his farm, the same having been picturesquely situated on the banks of the Ohio River and having continued to be his place of abode until his death, in 1844, at the age of seventy years. His first wife died in 1830, leaving eleven children, namely: David Whittaker, Jacob N., William, Recompense Sherry, Rachel, Mary Ann, Rebecca, Samuel, Catherine, John and Robert, the last named having died at the age of seventeen years, and all of the others having married and reared children.

David Whittaker Murphy, father of Mrs. Evans, was one of the two children born in New Jersey and was a child at the time of the family removal to Ohio, where he was reared to manhood under the conditions and influences of the pioneer farm, in Adams County. Until 1848 he was a farmer, residing in Adams County, Ohio. In that year he left Adams County, removing to Buena Vista, just over the line of Adams County, in Scioto County, where he kept hotel for a while. He was postmaster at Buena Vista from 1862 until 1873. After the death of his second wife, in 1873, he made his home with his daughter Rachel Ellen, widow of him to whom this memoir is dedicated. He passed to the life eternal in 1891, at the patriarchal age of ninety years, and was at the time one of the most venerable pioneer citizens of Southern Ohio. Mrs. Cynthia Ann (McCall) Murphy, mother of Mrs. Evans, was born in Nile Township, Scioto County, in 1816, a daughter of William and Delilah McCall, sterling pioneers of this county. Mrs. Murphy passed to the "land of the leal" in 1873, and was survived by five children: David, Rachel Ellen, Leonidas H., John and Matilda.

In conclusion is entered brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Evans. Ernest, who is superintendent of furnaces of the Hitchcock & Andrews Company, extensive iron-furnace operators at Youngstown, this state, married Miss Elizabeth Linn, and they have two children: Linn and James. William, who resides on a farm near

Powellsville, Ohio, wedded Miss Mary E. Nelson, and they have four children: Helen, Anna L., Charles and Robert. Anna, the youngest of the children of Mrs. Evans, is the wife of Harley E. Marconnet, a trusted salesman of the McDonald-Kiley Shoe Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. They reside at Portsmouth, Ohio.

James R. Hilling, M. D. In designating in this publication those who stand as able and honored representatives of the medical profession in Scioto County, special reference may well be made to Doctor Hilling, who is engaged in practice with residence and headquarters in the Village of Lucasville and whose character and admirable services have given him inviolable place in popular esteem.

Doctor Hilling was born in Adams County, Ohio, on the 23d of October, 1878, and is a son of Albertus W. and Nancy M. (McClelland) Hilling, the former of whom still resides in Adams County and the latter of whom passed to the life eternal on the 28th of May, 1911. Of the five children four are living: Nora E. was a successful teacher in the public schools prior to her marriage and is now the wife of Casey V. Clark, residing near Ripley, Brown County; Sarah E. is the wife of John C. McGovney, residing near West Union, the judicial center of Adams County; Albert E. is deputy county treasurer of Adams County; and of the five children the doctor was the third in order of birth.

After availing himself of the advantages of the district schools of his native county Doctor Hilling completed a course in the National Normal School, at Ada, this state. He then engaged in teaching, to which he devoted his attention for a period of three years, proving a popular and efficient representative of the pedagogic profession, though he had in the meanwhile formulated definite plans for his future career and determined to prepare himself for the vocation in which he has achieved definite success and prestige, as the only registered physician and surgeon residing in Lucasville. In pursuance of his ambition he entered the Hospital Medical College of Kentucky, in the City of Louisville, and after his graduation, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, he was engaged in practice in Kentucky for eighteen months, at the expiration of which, in July, 1907, he returned to Ohio, where he has since been engaged in successful practice, his home having been established at Lucasville in October, 1911. He was formerly engaged in practice at Piketon, and while there became a member of the Pike County Medical Society, with which he is still identified, as is he also with the Scioto County Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Society. The doctor continues a close and

appreciative student of the best standard and periodical literature of his profession, keeps in touch with the advances made in both medical and surgical science and his substantial and representative practice indicates alike his ability and his personal popularity. He is genial and unassuming, earnest in his devotion to his humane and exacting profession, and progressive and loyal in his civic attitude.

On June 23, 1909, Doctor Hilling wedded Miss Estella Violet, daughter of Martin Violet, a sterling citizen of Pike County, she having been for twelve years a popular teacher in the public schools—the greater part of the time in the thriving little City of London, Madison County. Doctor and Mrs. Hilling are popular factors in the social life of their home community and they have two winsome little daughters, Marian V. and Virginia G.

Dr. James N. Thomas. For a number of years Dr. J. N. Thomas practiced medicine with all the success of the able and thoroughly trained physician and surgeon, but in Valley Township of Scioto County, the community where he was born and reared, Doctor Thomas is best known as a farmer and stock breeder, and his reputation as the proprietor and manager of the Thomas Farms is one that has extended pretty well over the state. Doctor Thomas has demonstrated that his peculiar fitness is the development of better farming, and through this avenue has done his greatest service not only to himself but to society. He is an expert in the breeding and feeding of pure bred swine, and his herd of Big Bone Poland Chinas is probably the finest in Southeastern Ohio.

He was born at Lucasville, Ohio, March 4, 1864, the eldest son of William J. and Mary M. (Warwick) Thomas, his father being a life resident of the community. Reared in this village he received his education in the common school of the place. From 1881 he was associated in business with Joseph H. Brant until 1887, when he entered the Miami Medical College as a student, graduating in the spring of 1891, and immediately began the practice of medicine at Del-Norte, Colorado. Here on April 9, 1893, he was married to Mary E. Miller also of Scioto County.

From 1893 to 1909 Doctor Thomas was closely identified with the medical profession of Denver, Colorado. In 1897 he did post-graduate work in the medical schools of New York, and on his return to Denver, identified himself with the clinical staff of the Gross Medical College, and was soon appointed to assistant to the chair of surgery. A year later he became medical director of The Western Life and Accident Insurance Company. Enjoying these duties

as well as a large and increasing practice, failing health in 1909 compelled him to retire from his medical work and to return to the old community in which he spent his boyhood.

Residing in a modern farm home one mile north of Lucasville, he is a successful farmer and stockman and few who have devoted all their years and energies to the vocation have attained such success.

Doctor Thomas is affiliated with Lucasville Lodge No. 485, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being one of its past masters, and an active member of the Scioto County Agriculture Association. In politics he is republican.

Benjamin F. Gentry. Holding the position of station agent for the Norfolk & Western Railroad at Lucasville, Scioto County, Mr. Gentry is a well known and popular citizen of this section of the state and claims as the place of his nativity the historic Old Dominion commonwealth. He was born in Nelson County, Virginia, on the 25th of April, 1867, and is a son of Benjamin B. and Nancy E. (Dodd) Gentry, both of whom were born and reared in Virginia, where they passed their entire lives, the father having been for many years a prosperous representative of the agricultural industry in Nelson County, where both he and his wife commanded unqualified popular esteem. Of their nine children seven are living and the subject of this review is the only representative of the family in Ohio.

Benjamin F. Gentry is indebted to the schools of his native state for his early educational discipline and upon severing the ties that bound him to home and native heath he came to Ohio and entered the employ of the Brush Electric Light Company, in the City of Cincinnati, where he remained for the greater part of the years 1885 and 1886. He then returned to Virginia, where he was again identified with agricultural pursuits, for one year, and he then became a brakeman on the line of the Norfolk & Western Railroad. While serving in this capacity he met with an accident that entailed the loss of his right arm, and the railroad company gave him the position of pumper after he had recuperated from his injury. He has since continued in the service of the company, with the telegraph department of which he has been identified since 1901. On the 8th of September, 1908, he was made the company station agent and telegraph operator at Lucasville, Ohio, where he has since continued to accord efficient service and where he has gained unqualified popular esteem.

In politics Mr. Gentry is a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party and while he has never sought public office he served as president of the board of education while residing at Pritchard,

Wayne County, West Virginia. He is affiliated with the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the City of Portsmouth, judicial center of Scioto County, and with the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

On the 8th of March, 1888, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gentry to Miss Anna Hughes, of Nelson County, Virginia, and concerning their children the following brief record is given: Miss Minnie, who is serving as telegraph operator for the Norfolk & Western Railroad at Pritchard, West Virginia; Benjamin H. is employed as a telegraph operator for the same company, in the City of Columbus, Ohio; Dora is identified with the business interests in Lucasville; and John and Beulah remain at home and are attending the public schools. At Lucasville Mr. Gentry owns his attractive residence, besides a number of vacant village lots.

E. W. Purdy. One of the conspicuous business enterprises of the Town of Lucasville in Scioto County is Purdy Brothers Milling Company, operating a custom flour and feed mill, with an average product of seventy-five barrels per day of high grade flour, made from local grain. Mr. E. W. Purdy has spent all his life in Scioto County, is an experienced miller, and a citizen of substantial influence in the community.

E. W. Purdy was born in this county May 23, 1867, a son of W. M. and June (Bennett) Purdy. Both parents still live in Lucasville. Mr. Purdy was reared in Madison Township on a farm, was educated in the public schools, and early in his career began the operation of a threshing outfit and also did saw milling. From that line of enterprise he finally engaged in business at Lucasville as a flour miller under the name of Purdy Brothers.

Mr. Purdy has been twice married, and his second wife was Miss Sadie Crull. He has a daughter by the first marriage, Mamie, now fifteen years of age. Mr. Purdy is affiliated with Lucasville Lodge No. 465, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a republican in politics.

John H. Rockwell. He whose name initiates this paragraph is one of the progressive representatives of the agricultural industry in his native county and is a young man whose personal popularity gives effective voucher for his sterling characteristics and genial nature. His homestead farm is eligibly situated in Valley Township, comprises 303 acres, and is 1½ miles north of Lucasville, one of the attractive villages of Scioto County. The farm is on the excellent turnpike road

between Portsmouth and Columbus, and in addition to giving his attention to diversified agriculture, Mr. Rockwell is known as one of the leading stock growers of his county, where he makes a specialty of the breeding of double standard Polled Durham cattle, with the registered head of his herd known as Clearview Lad, No. 8126; of registered Poland China swine; and of Shropshire sheep. He is an exemplar of the most approved modern methods and policies in the carrying forward of all departments of his farm industry and is one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of the county that has ever been his home.

John H. Rockwell was born in Clay Township, Scioto County, on the 20th of February, 1880, and is a scion of honored pioneer families of this favored section of the Buckeye State, his paternal grandfather, Charles Rockwell, having been one of the valiant soldiers representing this county in the Union ranks during virtually the entire period of the Civil war, in which he served four years, as a member of an Ohio regiment of volunteers. Mr. Rockwell is a son of Joseph and Mary (Field) Rockwell, both of whom are deceased. The former died in November 1908, and his wife in 1913. The father had been for many years a representative farmer and influential citizen of Valley Township, his birth having occurred in this county. Of the eight children all are living except one: Charles is a prosperous farmer of Valley Township; Eli is identified with agricultural pursuits at Guthrie, Oklahoma; Leroy is likewise a prosperous farmer of Valley Township; Nancy E. is deceased; Bertha is the wife of Albert S. Moulton of Valley Township; John H. was the next in order of birth; Miss Mary B. remains at the parental home; and Ethel L. is the wife of Peter Snedaker, of Rush Township.

John H. Rockwell was a lad of about eight years at the time of the family removal from Rush Township to Valley Township, in which latter he continued his studies in the public schools until he had completed the curriculum of the high school. He has been identified with farming and stock-raising from his boyhood days and his familiarity with all practical details of these important industries has been reinforced by careful study and investigation, so that he brings to bear in his independent operations the best scientific methods and most modern facilities. Not only in his personal enterprises but also as a citizen is Mr. Rockwell essentially progressive, and he has been an active factor in the furtherance of the cause of the republican party. He has served four years as trustee of Valley Township and has done all in his power to further those objects that make for the general good of the community. He is affiliated with Lucasville Lodge, No. 465, Free & Accepted Masons,

and in the City of Portsmouth holds membership in the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

The 26th day of March, 1902, recorded the marriage of Mr. Rockwell to Miss Louisa Simpson, and they had four children, whose names and respective years of birth are here noted: Donald S., 1903; Raymond H., 1906; Janet Elinor, 1908 and who died January 11, 1914; and Mary M., 1912. Mrs. Rockwell died February 27, 1914.

Daniel H. Egbert. Not only by reason of his secure status as one of the representative farmers of Scioto County, but also on account of his progressiveness and public spirit as a citizen is Mr. Egbert entitled to recognition in this "History of the Hanging Rock Iron Region." That he has impregnable vantage ground in popular confidence and esteem is shown conclusively in the fact that he has served in various public offices in Valley Township and that he is the only representative of the democratic party ever elected from that township as a member of the board of county commissioners, a responsible office to which he was re-elected in the autumn of 1914.

Mr. Egbert was born at Center Furnace, Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 20th of May, 1854, and thus is a native of the region to whose history this publication is devoted. He is a son of Daniel and Louise (Appel) Egbert, the former of whom was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, on the 8th of May, 1824, and the latter in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, on the 25th of March, 1831, she having accompanied her parents on their immigration to the United States, in 1849, and her marriage to Daniel Egbert having been solemnized in Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 26th of October of the same year, her husband having established his residence in that county on the 1st of November, 1847, soon after he came from his native land to America. In October, 1858, Daniel Egbert removed with his family from Lawrence County to Valley Township, Scioto County, where he became a successful farmer and highly esteemed citizen and where he passed the residue of his life, his wife surviving him by a number of years and having been summoned to the life eternal in April, 1901. Both were zealous and consistent members of the Lutheran Church.

Daniel H. Egbert, of this review, was a child of about four years at the time of the family removal from Lawrence County to Valley Township, Scioto County, which has represented his home for nearly half a century and in which he was reared to maturity under the discipline of the home farm, in the meanwhile profiting duly by the advantages afforded in the public schools. He has never severed his allegiance to the basic industry of agriculture and is now the owner

of one of the fine farms of Valley Township, besides standing as one of the progressive representatives of this important line of industry in Scioto County.

Mr. Egbert has held unswervingly to the cause of the democratic party from the time of attaining to his legal majority and has been one of its influential figures in Valley Township. Here he has served as township trustee and as a member of the school board, and in 1901 there came still further evidence of popular appreciation of his ability and sterling character, in that he was elected representative of his township on the board of county commissioners, the first democrat ever elected to this position in the township, the political strength of which has always been in favor of the republican party. The efficiency and acceptability of his service in this responsible office was most plainly shown by his re-election in the autumn of 1914, for a second term of three years. Mr. Egbert is a charter member of the Lucasville lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and both he and his wife are earnest communicants of the Lutheran Church.

On the 27th of October, 1880, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Egbert to Miss Mary B. Wooster, daughter of the late John Wooster, a substantial citizen of Scioto County. Of the nine children of this union six are now living: George, who wedded Miss Lottie Holmes, is foreman of the roundhouse of the Norfolk & Western Railroad in the City of Portsmouth, judicial center and metropolis of Scioto County; John, a bachelor, is a successful farmer of his native county; Luella remains at the parental home; Walter is identified with agricultural pursuits in Valley Township; Dora is the wife of Wilford Johnson, who was born in Johnson County, Kentucky, and educated in the University of Kentucky, at Lexington, after which he served, from 1905 to 1910, as a telegraph operator for the Norfolk & Western Railroad, his present position being that of United States storekeeper and gauger at Frankfort, Kentucky; and Marion is associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm.

John S. Violette. One of the fine landed estates of the beautiful Scioto Valley is that owned by Mr. Violette, and the splendid domain gives patent evidence of his progressiveness and thrift as a farmer and stock-grower. The farm comprises 475 acres, in Valley Township, Scioto County, one-fourth of a mile south of Lucasville, and it lies on either side of the Portsmouth and Chillicothe turnpike road. The owner of this valuable estate is a representative of a family whose name has been identified with the civic and industrial activities of this section of Ohio for nearly a century and in his own career he

has shown marked aggressiveness and enterprise, so that he has assisted in carrying forward the march of development and improvement which was instituted in the pioneer days and which has made this one of the most attractive and opulent sections of the fine old Buckeye State. He is one of the representative agriculturists of his native county and that he has high place in popular esteem is shown by the fact that in the autumn of 1914 he was nominated as a democratic candidate for the position of member of the board of county commissioners of his native county, and, while being defeated, he ran away ahead of his ticket in his vicinity.

Mr. Violette was born at Harrisonville, Harrison Township, Scioto County, Ohio, on the 18th of September, 1871, and is a son of John M. and Caroline M. (Dewey) Violette, the former of whom was born in Pike County, this state, in June, 1820, and the latter of whom was born in Highland County, on the 16th of December, 1824, their marriage having been solemnized at Harrisonville, Scioto County, on the 25th of March, 1845. The father was long numbered among the substantial citizens of Scioto County, where he owned a valuable farm and where he conducted a general store, at Harrisonville, for a number of years. He died in August, 1895, and his widow passed to the life eternal in March 17, 1902. They are survived by two children, of whom the subject of this review is the younger; Caroline L., who is a talented musician, is now the wife of Edward E. Samson, a substantial farmer of Scioto County, their home being at Harrisonville.

John S. Violette passed his boyhood and youth on the old homestead farm near Harrisonville and there he early learned the lessons of practical industry, the while he continued to attend the public schools at Harrisonville during the winter terms until he was about twenty years old. Since that time he has given unwavering allegiance to the great industry of agriculture, of which he has become one of the prominent and influential representatives in his native county, his large and well-improved estate being devoted to diversified farming and the raising of high-grade live stock, especially horses.

In politics Mr. Violette is found arrayed as a loyal supporter of the cause of the democratic party, and his deep interest in all that touches the welfare of his native county is shown by the fact that he is serving not only as a member of the school board of Valley Township but also as a member of the county board of education. He is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lucasville, of which both he and his wife are zealous members.

On the 14th of March, 1895, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Violette to Miss Lizzie D. Coburn, who was born near Harrisonville,

Scioto County, December 21, 1870, and who was his schoolmate in the public schools of Harrisonville. Of the four children the eldest is Raymond D., who was born May 30, 1898; John C. was born November 26, 1902; Forrest C., June 13, 1905; and Arlyn E., March 15, 1908.

Lewis W. Doty. While farming has been his activity and chief line of endeavor for a number of years, Mr. Doty was long identified with the iron industry, and his father before him was manager of the old Ohio Furnace in Scioto County.

Lewis W. Doty was born at Ohio Furnace in Green Township of Scioto County April 2, 1875. His parents were Thomas W. and Julia (Shepard) Doty. His mother is still living in Green Township, where the father died September 5, 1900, his death occurring as the result of an accident while manager of the Ohio Furnace. He was born at Clinton Furnace in Scioto County, while she was a native of Lawrence County. Four of their seven children are still living: Lewis W.; Oliver P. Doty, Jr., who is at Hanging Rock, Lawrence County; Alfred S. Doty of Wheeler, Michigan; and Thomas W. Doty is an engineer on C. & O. R. R., and located at Eskdale, West Virginia.

Lewis W. Doty was reared at the Ohio Furnace and was educated in the common schools. His father had moved to Ohio Furnace at the age of eighteen, and was promoted through the different grades of service until he became manager of the furnace, and was killed while in that office. After the district schools, Mr. Doty attended for two years the Northern Ohio Normal University at Ada, and at the age of twenty-two became bookkeeper and store manager of the Ohio Furnace Company. He held that position 4½ years and then was at Newcastle with the same company two years, and was manager of the furnace a year and a half. In 1904, having given up his connection with the iron industry, Mr. Doty moved to his present farm. He is the owner of 100 acres of fine and fertile valley land, located 2½ miles northwest of Haverhill.

Mr. Doty married Elizabeth Weisenbarger Mitchell, who was the widow of Wm. W. Mitchell, and they had one son, Elbert E. Mitchell, who makes his home with his mother and step-father. Mr. and Mrs. Doty have five children: Louise M., Irwin T., Claude A., Oliver A., and Julius O. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Doty is a republican voter.

Henry Folsom. One of the fine country homes of Scioto County is that owned by Henry Folsom in Green Township, in the French Grant. Mr. Folsom has been long identified with the farming and

stock-raising activities of this section, and his place in latter years has become especially known as a stock farm, and some of the finest Hereford cattle, Duroc swine and high-grade horses in Southern Ohio are to be found on the Folsom estate. Mr. Folsom owns Lot No. 16 and part of No. 15, consisting of 325 acres, and also manages 240 acres adjoining that farm. His place is located seventeen miles up the Ohio River from Portsmouth.

Henry Folsom was born February 10, 1847, on the farm he now occupies as his residence. It is known far and wide as the Buckeye Farm. His father, the late J. S. Folsom, who was born at Leading Creek in 1804 and died in 1883, was a pioneer storekeeper at Junior Landing beginning about 1832, and at the same time was one of the largest land owners and farmers in Southern Ohio, having about 1,000 acres of land under crop and used as pasture land for his stock. He was one of the strongest and most influential citizens of Scioto County. His wife, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1812, died in 1890. They were the parents of ten children, two of whom died in infancy, and five of whom are alive at this time: Melissa F., the wife of Dr. James L. Taylor; Albert, of the State of Washington; Minerva, wife of E. E. Ewing of Texas; Sarah F., widow of O. H. Smith of Scioto County.

Henry Folsom was reared on the farm where he now lives, was educated in the home township and also took a term of instruction in the Sewickleyville Academy and spent one year in the University at Delaware, Ohio. After his education he worked as assistant in the management of his father's large property until October 22, 1879. That date was the time of his marriage to Effie A. Marshall, a granddaughter of the late J. S. Stowe, and a daughter of A. S. Marshall. She was born and reared near Marietta, Ohio, and has become the mother of nine children, seven of whom are still living, as follows: James A., a graduate of the Agricultural College at Columbus, Ohio, and a farmer.; Anna, a graduate of the Bliss Commercial College at Columbus and a stenographer in that city; Grace, who graduated from the township schools and the Portsmouth public schools, spent four years as teacher in the high school, and since taking a two years' course in the Columbus Training School has been identified with public school work in Columbus; May, who was educated liberally and is a graduate of a school for nurses, is now following her profession in Columbus; Pearl, is now a teacher in the Columbus, Ohio, schools; Nancy, who received a course of training similar to her sisters, is now in college at Columbus, Ohio; Lucy, is at home and was educated in the home schools.

In 1880, after his marriage, Mr. Folsom located near Hayport, on

a farm of 200 acres, and a year later took the management of a flouring mill, owned by his father, at Ironton. In 1882 he moved his family to Ironton, and continued in charge of the mills there until 1887. He then moved out to the home farm, and has since devoted all his time to farm management. Mr. Folsom is a breeder of thoroughbred Hereford cattle and Duroc hogs, and is one of the foremost stock raisers of Green Township. His land is estimated at $150 per acre in value. In politics Mr. Folsom has always affiliated with the republican party, and has served his community as school director.

Aaron Kinney. Conspicuous among the earlier settlers of Portsmouth, Scioto County, was the late Aaron Kinney, who contributed much towards the upbuilding of the city, and for many years was one of its largest landholders. He was born, October 10, 1773, in Cumberland County, New Jersey, a son of Peter Kinney, a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and his wife, Margaret (Biggs) Kinney.

Migrating with his parents from New Jersey to Pennsylvania, Aaron Kinney lived there for a number of years. In 1805, accompanied by his wife and four children, he came to Ohio, making the removal with a wagon drawn by four horses. Possessed of considerable means, he purchased from his brother-in-law, Washington Clingman, a tract of land from the Government, now included within the city limits, and from other parties bought a nearby tract upon which he built. Upon that tract was a spring of clear, sparkling water that has never yet failed, and in recent years has supplied the citizens with water in time of an emergency. When he settled here all of this section was one vast wilderness, inhabited by wild animals of all kinds common to this section, deer being so plentiful that he killed two on his own land the first day of his arrival..

Mr. Kinney was a tanner by trade, and here established a tannery, sinking the vats in front of the present site of the Kinney home. Leather was a necessity among the settlers, and he carried on a flourishing business, people bringing hides which he tanned on shares. He disposed of his hides at Chillicothe, keeping a six-horse team to transport the leather, and to bring back the merchandise that he there purchased. As his wealth increased, Mr. Kinney wisely invested in more land, buying some from the Government, and people making abstracts of title found that he owned much of the land now included within the city limits. In 1823 he bought, paying $10.00 an acre, 178 acres, the tract extending from Union Street to the Scioto River, and from the south line of sections 7 and 8 to Twelfth Street. In 1810 he erected a substantial brick house, the first house made from that material in Scioto County, the

bricks having been burned on his own land. The house is finely located on high land, commanding an extensive view of the Ohio and Scioto valleys. It is now owned and occupied by his granddaughters, Mrs. Janet (Kinney) Williams, and her sisters, Josephine and Isabelle Kinney. Here the death of Mr. Kinney occurred on April 11, 1857.

Mr. Kinney married, in 1797, Mary Clingman, who was born in Pennsylvania, January 9, 1778. Her father, John Michael Clingman, was born in Germany in 1746, and came to America in colonial times, settling in Pennsylvania. During the Revolutionary war he served as captain of a company. Late in life he came to Portsmouth, Ohio, to spend his last years with his children, at his death his body having been laid to rest in the Kinney Cemetery. The maiden name of the wife of Mr. Clingman was Ann Eliza Miller. Mrs. Mary (Clingman) Kinney died August 21, 1849. Both she and her husband were members of the Episcopal Church, and reared their family in the same faith.

Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kinney, namely: Washington; Elizabeth, who married Wilson Gates; Ann Eliza married David K. Cady; Margaret became the wife of Charles C. Tracy; Peter; Nancy married James Walker; Margaret married William Hall; Rachel married first John Dodson, and married second a Mr. Beckley; Elf; Henry; Sarah A., who married John Renshaw; and Philander C.

Col. Peter Kinney. Noteworthy among the men prominent in the financial affairs of Scioto County a generation or more ago was the late Col. Peter Kinney, who was for many years engaged in banking in Portsmouth. A native of this city, he was born December 16, 1805, a son of Aaron and Mary (Clingman) Kinney, of whom a brief sketch may be found elsewhere in this biographical volume.

Although Peter Kinney's school life was limited to a few months, he acquired a practical education, taking good advantage of every opportunity offered for increasing his knowledge. Beginning when very young to make himself useful, he rendered his father great assistance, and when but fifteen years old was sent by his father with a flatboat load of produce to New Orleans. He did well, and subsequently made several trips to the same city, where, after disposing of his cargo he would sell his boat and return home on a steamboat. In early manhood he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Wilson Gates, and embarked in the grocery business as junior member of the firm of Gates & Kinney. In 1832 Mr. Kinney engaged in business as a private banker, and the same year, having obtained a grocer's license, opened a grocery on Front Street. The outbreak of the Civil war found him, like many others, busy with many projects; but his zeal and patriotism

carried him into his country's service, and on September 11, 1861, he was commissioned colonel of the Fifty-Sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in that capacity until April 8, 1863. Having command of the troops at Portsmouth during the Morgan raid, he declared martial law, and every man who could carry a gun was forced to, while those who did not were compelled to work on the entrenchments.

When the law regarding the organization of national banks was passed he organized the Portsmouth National Bank, and was made its first president. Selling his interests in the institution in 1867, Colonel Kinney made a trip abroad, being one of the party written up by Mark Twain in his famous book "Innocents Abroad." On his return to Portsmouth the Colonel organized the Bank of Portsmouth, which, in 1872, he changed to the Kinney National Bank, of which he became president.

Active and influential in municipal affairs, Colonel Kinney served for upwards of thirty years as a member of the city council, from 1852 until 1854 being president of the board. In 1849 he had the honor of being delegated to welcome Zachary Taylor to Portsmouth when he passed through the place on his way to Washington to be inaugurated as president of the United States. During the same year he was elected a school trustee. After his return from Europe the Colonel built a fine residence in Kinney Lane, it being pleasantly located, and commanding a fine view. He named the place Mount Taber. This place is owned by his daughter, Mrs. Theodore Funk, and here she now lives. There he subsequently resided until his death, August 13, 1877.

Colonel Kinney married, in 1832, Elizabeth Reded, who was born in Penrith, England, and came to this country with her parents when but five years old, being seven weeks on the ocean. She survived him, passing away March 5, 1887. Colonel and Mrs. Kinney were the parents of two children, namely: John Wesley Kinney, of Chicago, Illinois; and Emma Dora, wife of Theodore K. Funk, of whom a brief sketch appears on another page of this work. Colonel Kinney was a member of the Episcopal Church, and he built a church at Third and Bond streets, known as Christ's Church. In politics he was a very strong republican.

Theodore K. Funk. Scholarly in his attainments, and possessing an extensive and comprehensive knowledge of law and of precedents, Theodore K. Funk, of Portsmouth, has a natural aptitude for his profession, and holds high rank among the successful lawyers of Scioto County. A son of Jacob Funk, Jr., he was born, January 30, 1848, in Salem Township, Champaign County, Ohio.

Joel Funk, Sr., his paternal grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania,

of early German ancestry. Going to Maryland in early manhood, he lived a few years in the vicinity of Frederick, from there coming to Ohio, and locating in Champaign County as a pioneer. Purchasing a tract of wild land in Salem Township, he at once began the arduous task of hewing a farm from the wilderness. Deer, turkeys and other wild game were then plentiful, and helped furnish the family larder. There were no railways for many years after his arrival, and no convenient markets, and in order to dispose of the surplus products of his farm he had to take them in a crooked sill wagon drawn by four or six horses to Baltimore, where he exchanged his commodities for sugar, salt, and other needed supplies for the household. He cleared a good farm, and was there a resident until his death, in 1860, at the age of sixty-two years. He married Elizabeth Kenaga, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German lineage. She survived him many years, living to welcome into this world a great-grandchild. She reared five children, as follows: Jacob; Aaron Benson; Emily, who married Jacob Myers; Caroline, wife of Peter Share; and Augusta, who died at the age of twenty-three years.

Jacob Funk, Jr., was born in Salem Township, Champaign County, and was reared amid pioneer scenes, and educated in pioneer schools. He assisted his father in clearing a part of the old homestead, felling in piles huge oak and walnut trees that would now be very valuable, and burning them. When he was ready to begin life for himself his father gave him forty acres of land, and to this he added by purchase from time to time, and in course of years became an extensive and successful farmer. He attained the venerable age of eighty-two years. He married Sarah Long, who was born in Champaign County, Ohio, a daughter of James Long, a pioneer settler, coming from Scotch-Irish ancestry. She lived to the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Five children were born of their union, namely: Lee Wellington Funk, who for many years has been employed in the United States Treasury Department at Washington, D. C.; Theodore K. Funk; Rovella Augusta Funk, living on the old homestead in Salem Township; Eugene Funk, superintendent of the county infirmary at Valparaiso, Indiana; and James L. Funk, engaged in the grain business at West Liberty, Logan County, three miles from his old home.

Theodore K. Funk received his rudimentary education in a small log schoolhouse, in which the slab seats had wooden pins for legs, and were so high that his feet could not touch the floor. He subsequently attended the Collegiate Institute in Urbana, and in 1866 entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, from the classical department of which he was graduated with the class of 1871. Beginning then the

study of law with Judge William Lawrence, of Bellefontaine, Mr. Funk was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Ohio in 1873, and immediately opened an office in Portsmouth, where he has since been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession. Making a specialty of criminal law, Mr. Funk has been the attorney for the defendant in the more important cases of this part of the state, and the fact that in all the cases he has tried but one client has been executed is proof of his ability and success as a lawyer.

Mr. Funk cast his first presidential vote for Gen. U. S. Grant, and has since been actively identified with the republican party. Being an eloquent and fluent speaker, he has been prominent in many political campaigns, having been his county's choice for Congress, and having been twice elected prosecuting attorney of the county. In 1892 he was chosen as presidential elector. Prior to a fire which destroyed his residence a few years ago, he had one of the most extensive and valuable libraries in the state, and even now he has a very complete library on criminal law, and a small but select library containing the works of the best authors.

On October 27, 1874, at St. Louis, Mr. Funk married Miss Emma Kinney, who was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, a daughter of Col. Peter and Elizabeth (Reded) Kinney, of whom a brief account may be found on another page of this work. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Funk, namely: Peter Kinney, Elizabeth Augusta, Sarah Imogene, Ada Bell, Laura Blaine, and James Wesley. Peter Kinney Funk, the oldest child, enlisted during the Spanish war in Company H, Fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, and going with his command to Porto Rico served until the close of the conflict, being honorably discharged as first lieutenant of his company. Returning home, he resumed work in the shoe factory which he had previously entered without any knowledge of the work required. Applying himself diligently, however, he mastered the details of the trade, and was first promoted to the position of foreman, and is now superintendent of the Excelsior factory at Ironton. He married May Williams. Elizabeth A. Funk, the oldest daughter, married Charles O. Lemen, general inspector in the Morgan-Wright Rubber Company's factory in Detroit, and has two children. Ada Bell Funk married James Porter, of Detroit, but now of Calumet, Michigan, with a manufacturing company and has one son, Donald Kinney Porter. Laura Blaine Funk married Harold Wendelken, a civil engineer, of Portsmouth. James W. Funk was graduated from the Portsmouth High School with the class of 1914, now in Detroit, Michigan, engaged in the coal business. Sarah Imogene, the third child born to Mr. and Mrs. Funk, died at the age of two years and four

months. The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Funk, located on the outskirts of the town, is known as Mount Tabor, having been named by Col. Peter Kinney. Fraternally Mr. Funk is a member, and past exalted ruler, of Elks Lodge No. 154, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Henry Richie Kinney. A life-long resident of Portsmouth, Scioto County, and for many years actively identified with its mercantile and horticultural interests, Henry Richie Kinney was born July 21, 1815, and died November 8, 1904, in the ninetieth year of his age. His parents, Aaron and Mary (Clingman) Kinney, were among the earlier settlers of Portsmouth, as is told in a brief sketch of their lives on another page of this volume.

Obtaining the rudiments of his education in the pioneer schools of his native district, Henry Richie Kinney completed his studies at the Woodward High School, in Cincinnati. As a young man he assisted his father on the home farm, and made several trips on flat boats to New Orleans, where he sold both produce and boats, making the return trip on a steamer. With the restless spirit characteristic of the true American even in those early days, he started in early manhood on horseback for Chicago, Illinois, which was then on the frontier. Before reaching his point of destination he met a man just returning from there who told him that Chicago was located in a swamp, and assured him that it would never become a city. Changing his plans, therefore, Mr. Kinney went to St. Louis, Missouri, where for two years he was employed in the hardware business. Returning then to Portsmouth, he was here similarly engaged until 1856, by earnest effort and good management building up a substantial trade in hardware. From that time until 1870 he was not connected with any mercantile trade, but for a few years thereafter he was again engaged in the hardware business, being in company with his sons.

Upon the division of his father's estate, in 1856, the parental homestead fell to his share, and for many years he was successfully engaged in the culture of fruit and vegetables. Mr. Kinney was strong and active, both physically and mentally to the end of his long life, and enjoyed himself to the fullest extent. His first recollections of Portsmouth was as a wilderness, with a few houses scattered here and there. Communication with the outside world was by way of the rivers, or overland with teams, until the completion of the canal. He witnessed wonderful changes in the face of the country, and lived to see Portsmouth develop into a flourishing city, equipped with all modern conveniences.

H. K. Kinney

Mr. Kinney married, November 7, 1843, Mary MacNairn. She was born at Newton Stewart, Wigtonshire, Scotland, May 11, 1824, a daughter of Joseph and Jane (McKean) MacNairn. Her mother spent her entire life in Scotland, but her father, in 1839, immigrated to America, and after living for a while in Indiana came to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he was engaged in the hardware business until his death. Mrs. Kinney died August 30, 1886. Ten children were born of their union: Wellington, Harry Elwell, Janet, Josephine, Isabelle and five who died when young.

Wellington Kinney, the oldest child, was for some years engaged in the hardware busines with his father. In 1905 he took up his residence in the State of Washington, where for a time he was engaged in the lumber busines at Newport, but is now a real estate dealer in Spokane. He married Louise Epworth Briggs, and they have one son, Briggs Richie Kinney. Harry Elwell Kinney began life for himself as a hardware merchant, being in company with his father and brother, and was afterwards engaged in the tan bark business until his death, at the early age of twenty-nine years.

Janet Kinney was brought up and educated in Portsmouth. In 1875 she married Samuel T. Williams, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, a son of William Williams, who was a native of Wales. On coming with his family to the United States William Williams lived first in Cleveland, Ohio, and later in Sharon, Pennsylvania. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Fair, was born in England. Samuel T. Williams found employment when quite young in the iron works, and while yet a resident of Pennsylvania learned the details of the business. He came to Portsmouth in early manhood, and later became general manager of a steel mill located near Steubenville, and there lived until his death, in March, 1900, at the age of forty-seven years. After the death of her husband Mrs. Janet (Kinney) Williams returned to the parental homestead in Portsmouth, where she and her sisters, Josephine Kinney and Isabelle Kinney, are living, being owners of the property. Mrs. Williams has one son, Howard Kinney Williams. He was educated in the high school of Portsmouth, and is now living in Steubenville, where he is superintendent of a steel mill. Mrs. Williams and her sisters are members, and active workers, of All Saints Church, while Mr. Williams was reared in the Presbyterian faith. Mrs. Williams and Miss Isabelle Kinney are members of the Joseph Spencer Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and of the New Century Club.

Frank McCurdy. A progressive and public-spirited citizen of his native county, Mr. McCurdy is engaged in business at Wheelers-

burg as an undertaker and funeral director and is a member of a family whose name has been identified with the history of Scioto County for nearly half a century.

Mr. McCurdy was born at Harrisonville, Scioto County, on the 6th of April, 1870, and is a son of William H. and Amanda (Wheeler) McCurdy, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Scioto County, Ohio, a representative of a sterling pioneer family of this section of the state. William H. McCurdy was reared and educated in his native state, whence he came to Ohio when a young man, his marriage being solemnized in Scioto County. He became a successful road contractor and merchant and served three terms as a member of the board of county commissioners of Scioto County. He built many of the excellent turnpike roads in Scioto and adjoining counties, and he achieved success through his energy and well ordered industry. He died December 3, 1914, in the City of Wheelersburg, his devoted wife having passed to the life eternal in 1901. He was a stalwart republican in his political proclivities and was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. Of the five children four are living: William H. is a merchant at Wheelersburg; Harry E., maintaining his home at Portsmouth, is a traveling salesman for the C. P. Tracy Company; Frank is the immediate subject of this review; and Minnie is the widow of Dr. Claude B. Maddox, her home being in the City of Seattle, Washington. The other child, Ida, died at the age of four years.

Frank McCurdy acquired his rudimentary education in the schools of Harrisonville, and was ten years of age at the time of the family removal to Wheelersburg, where he continued his studies in the graded schools until he had attained to the age of eighteen years. Thereafter he worked on his father's farm until he reached his legal majority, when he assumed the position of fireman in the service of the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company, in the employ of which he continued three years, the following three years being given to the supervision of the work of a railway construction gang in the South. Thereafter he was associated for three years with the work and management of his father's farm, near Wheelersburg, and in December, 1907, he established his present undertaking business, with appointments and service of the best order.

In politics, though never imbued with ambition for office, Mr. McCurdy is a staunch republican, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with Western Sun Lodge No. 91, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Wheelersburg Lodge No. 406, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past

chancellor, also a charter member of the Tribe of Ben Hur, Wheelersburg Court 230.

In October, 1905, Mr. McCurdy wedded Miss Helen Frances Cadot, who was born and reared in Scioto County and who is a popular figure in the social activities of her home village. Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy have no children.

HERMAN O. ORTHMEYER. For more than sixty years a resident of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, Mr. Orthmeyer is a citizen whose name and a brief record of whose career should be permanently recorded in the history of this community. He represents a family which had its part in the early development of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and since reaching manhood has been a progressive farmer and has made a reputation for integrity and success in all his relations with his fellow men.

Herman O. Orthmeyer was born in Elizabeth Township of Lawrence County, Ohio, February 29, 1848, a son of Frank and Catherine (Hacker) Orthmeyer. Both parents were born and reared in Germany, came to America and were married at Pine Grove Furnace in Southern Ohio, February, 1847. The father died in 1878 and the mother in 1894, and of their five children three are living: Herman; Frederick, who lives on the home farm; and Frank, a farmer in North Dakota and the owner of a section of land in that state.

Herman Orthmeyer was reared in Lawrence County, attended the public schools of that section, and as a young man learned the trade of wagon maker. He worked in Ironton until 1876, and since then, for another forty years, has devoted his energy and time to agriculture. Mr. Orthmeyer at one time owned 360 acres of land at Kelley Mills, but sold that and is now proprietor of the Clint Furst farm in Green Township of Scioto County, situated in the French Grant near Franklin Furnace. Mr. Orthmeyer has always been known in his community as an industrious worker, a shrewd manager and has been thoroughly progressive.

In 1875 Mr. Orthmeyer married Mary L. Newman, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but was educated in the public schools at Pine Grove Furnace. To their marriage have been born eight children, three sons and five daughters, mentioned briefly as follows: Catherine lives at home; Frank J., who is employed in the steam shovel works at Marion, Ohio; Fred W., a barber, who lives in Cincinnati; Joseph H., who is the owner of a bakery at Sciotoville; Mary is in St. Francis Convent, Dubuque, Iowa; Anna married August Craft, a farmer near Botkins, Shelby County, Ohio; Sophia is the wife of James Murphy,

of Marion, Ohio; and Emma married Andy Boll and lives at Pine Grove Furnace, Ohio. The family are members of St. Peter's Catholic Church of Wheelersburg. Mr. Orthmeyer is a republican. As a citizen he has always been willing to perform his share of the obligations that rest upon members of the community, and while working for his own welfare has not been negligent as to matters that concern society as a whole.

Fred L. Prediger. Since his retirement from the regular army a few years ago, Mr. Prediger has lived at Wheelersburg in Scioto County, and is spending his declining years in the same region where he was born. Mr. Prediger was in the regular United States army for about twenty-five years, and retired with the rank of sergeant of engineers.

Fred L. Prediger was born at Portsmouth, Ohio, July 17, 1862, a son of Fred and Elizabeth (Lesser) Prediger. His father was a native of Germany and his mother of Switzerland, they came to the United States separately and were married in Ohio, after which they located in Portsmouth. The father was a capable and expert boot and shoe maker, and manufactured goods in a time when the best boots and shoes were custom made. He died in Portsmouth in 1868, while his widow passed away at Wheelersburg in May, 1913. Six of their eleven children are still living: William H., a shoe worker at Trenton, New Jersey; Cornelia, unmarried; Frances A., widow of Ferdinand Burke; Frederick L.; Oliver L., a shoe worker at Portsmouth, Ohio; and Charles A., also a shoe worker.

Frederick L. Prediger was reared to manhood at Portsmouth, attended the public schools, and when about fourteen years of age started out to make his own way. His first employment was in the old hub and spoke factory at Portsmouth. Subsequently he was employed as a shoe worker and by these occupations supported himself until nineteen. He then went East and at the age of twenty joined the regular army. Mr. Prediger served continuously in the army until his retirement in 1906. During the Spanish-American war he saw service in Cuba, and for six years was in the Philippine Islands. Since leaving the army he has lived in a comfortable rural home on Dogwood Ridge. On April 8, 1908, he married Cornelia Hunsinger, who was born and reared in Scioto County. In politics Mr. Prediger is a republican.

Frederick Genheimer. For many years one of the most highly respected and substantial residents of Scioto County, owning a fine farm in Porter Township, Frederick Genheimer was a youth when the

Civil war was fought and served several years in that great conflict between the states as a member of the Union army. Since its close he has been occupied with farming and with the duties of good citizenship in Southern Ohio.

Frederick Genheimer was born in Bavaria, Germany, September 27, 1839, a son of Wendell and Sophia (Huffman) Genheimer. The family emigrated to the United States in 1845, locating at Vernon Furnace in Lawrence County, Ohio, where the father was employed as a furnace worker until 1865. In August of that year he bought a farm on Dogwood Ridge in Scioto County, and there spent the rest of his days. There were four children: Frederick, Elizabeth, Catherine and Frances, all of whom are deceased.

Frederick Genheimer was past seven years of age when he arrived in this section of Ohio, and was educated in the English language in the schools of Lawrence County. He was brought up on a farm, and remained at home until twenty-one. In September, 1861, he volunteered for service in the Union army in Company B of the Second West Virginia Cavalry, and was in the army under General Crook and afterwards under General Sheridan, and remained until the close of the war. With the close of hostilities he returned to Lawrence County, and afterwards moved to Dogwood Ridge, where he now resides.

Mr. Genheimer was married in April 28, 1866, to Mrs. Sarah Cottle. She was born in Porter township of Scioto County. They are the parents of five children: Thomas, who graduated from the State University of Ohio and is superintendent of schools at Waco, Texas; Sophia A., who is unmarried and lives at home; Will F., a graduate of the Ohio State University and now a resident of Roanoke, West Virginia; Nora, living at home; and John, a graduate of the high school at Wheelersburg, and still at home.

Mr. Genheimer is conceded to have one of the finest farms on Dogwood Ridge. He has prospered in all departments of farming and has made a specialty of Jersey cattle. His farm comprises 123 acres, situated 2½ miles southeast of Wheelersburg. Mr. Genheimer and family are members of the Free Will Baptist Church. In politics he is a republican and served six years as one of the trustees of Porter Township.

Andrew J. Hyland. A native son of Scioto County who holds distinct prestige as a successful farmer and merchant of the county, who maintains his residence in the Village of Franklin Furnace, where he is serving as postmaster, besides conducting his well-appointed general store, Mr. Hyland is a popular and representative citizen who well merits recognition in this History of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio.

Mr. Hyland was born on a farm in Green Township, Scioto County, on the 11th of April, 1864, and is a son of John and Mary (Doyle) Hyland, both of whom were born in Ireland, members of staunch old families of the fair Emerald Isle. The parents were reared and educated in their native land and within a short time after their marriage they immigrated to the United States. They established their home in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, where they remained until their removal to Scioto County, in the pioneer days. John Hyland here purchased a tract of land near Franklin Furnace, and there developed a productive farm, this old homestead continuing to be the abiding place of both him and his wife until their death, both having been devout communicants of St. Peter's Catholic Church, at Franklin Furnace, and Mr. Hyland having affiliated with the democratic party after gaining citizenship in his adopted country, ever afterward continuing a staunch supporter of its cause. Of the seven children, four are living: Catherine is the widow of William Glatz, and resides in the City of Portsmouth, judicial center of Scioto County; Mary is the wife of Peter Herbst, of Portsmouth; Ellen is the wife of William Woods, of the same city; and Andrew J. is the only surviving son.

The old home farm was the stage on which Andrew J. Hyland played his role as a child and youth, and in connection with its work he gained his initial lessons in practical industry and responsibility, the while he profited fully by the opportunities afforded him by the public schools of Green Township. As a youth he learned the art of telegraphy, and in connection with his work as a telegraphist he finally was appointed station agent for the Norfolk & Western Railroad at Franklin Furnace, a position which he retained for the long period of fifteen years. Since his resignation he has been continuously identified with the general merchandise business, and he has a substantial and appreciative trade in connection with his well-equipped store at Franklin Furnace, besides which he is the owner of a valuable farm of 117 acres near his home village, seventy-seven acres of the tract being fertile bottom land, and the remaining forty acres being devoted to pasture, save for the portion that is still covered with native timber. Mr. Hyland's success and independence stand as the result of his own ability and well-ordered efforts, and he is one of the progressive citizens of his native county, where he has so guided and governed his life as to merit and receive the high esteem of all who know him.

In politics Mr. Hyland gives unequivocal allegiance to the republican party, and not only has he held the office of postmaster at Franklin Furnace since 1898, but he has served also as a member of the school board of Green Township for twenty-two years. Both he and

his wife are earnest communicants of the Catholic Church, in which they are members of the parish of St. Peter's Church, at Wheelersburg.

On the 22d of September, 1892, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hyland to Miss Myrtie Eakins, who likewise was born and reared in Green Township, a member of one of the well known families of this part of Scioto County, where she received her education in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Hyland have four children: Orville R., who was born on the 8th of July, 1893, was graduated in the high school of Green Township and in a commercial college at Portsmouth, and he is now associated in the management of his father's store; Stanley and Geraldine are students in the high school of Green Township; and Lewis L., who was born February 5, 1908, is attending the local graded school.

Henry A. Sherman. Few of the farmers of the Hanging Rock Iron Region have made a better showing from a similar beginning than Henry A. Sherman of Wheelersburg, Porter Township, Scioto County. Mr. Sherman owns and occupies a fine farm of ninety-eight acres, half a mile northeast of Wheelersburg, and having begun with practically no capital at the time of his marriage, has acquired prosperity and a place of influence in the community. He has not only provided well for his family, but is regarded as one of the men of influence in his community.

Henry A. Sherman was born at Vernon Furnace March 13, 1863, a son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Huffman) Sherman. Both parents were natives of Germany, and his father came to the United States at the age of thirteen and his mother at twelve, grew up in Ohio and married in this state. Valentine Sherman was a furnace worker, and finally bought a farm on Dogwood Ridge, and engaged in farming until his death at Wheelersburg. There were ten children, and seven are living: John, of Scioto County; Sophia, wife of Herman Herms, of Portsmouth, Ohio; Elizabeth, wife of Augusta Zwickert; Henry; Ella, who lives at Wheelersburg and is unmarried; Dora, wife of June Adams of Wheelersburg.

Henry A. Sherman grew up at Vernon Furnace and on Dogwood Ridge, to which locality his father moved when he was three years of age. His education came from the public schools, and he has been acquainted with the duties of farm and field ever since boyhood. Mr. Sherman began farming for himself at the age of twenty-one. In 1892 he married Sophia Smith, who was born at Dogwood Ridge. They have two children: Edith, who married Stephen Hausgen and lives at Waits Station, Ohio; and Paul, born in 1901 and a student in the Wheelersburg schools. Mr. Sherman is a member of the Methodist

Episcopal Church at Wheelersburg, and was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at that place. In politics he is a republican.

Challis Haddon Dawson, M. D. A young physician and surgeon with the promise of a large career of usefulness, Dr. Challis Haddon Dawson began his work at Wheelersburg in Scioto County, and on June 1, 1915, moved to New Boston, Ohio. He has gained a large clientele, and enjoys an established position in the community.

Challis Haddon Dawson was born February 25, 1892, at Scotland, Edgar County, Illinois, a son of Taylor and Iona (Rodenbarger) Dawson, both still residents of that place. Doctor Dawson acquired his education in the schools of Edgar County, finished the high school course in 1909, and then entered the medical department of the State University of Ohio, from which he graduated M. D. in 1913. On August 26, 1913, Doctor Dawson located for practice at Wheelersburg, and few graduates have done better within one year from leaving school than Doctor Dawson. He is a member of the medical societies, and is affiliated with the Phi Rho Sigma medical fraternity in the Omega Chapter at Columbus. He stood high in the fellowship of his college classes, was president of the high school class, and also president of his class in medical college. Doctor Dawson married Blanche Finney of Sciotoville, Ohio. She is the daughter of George Finney, and a relative of Captain A. J. Finney of Portsmouth, Ohio. Doctor Dawson was the youngest member of the graduating class in medical college, having celebrated his twenty-first birthday in February and graduating in the following May. He is also the youngest son of the family, and his wife is the youngest daughter. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias at Wheelersburg, also with the Modern Woodmen of America, a member of Portsmouth Lodge of Elks No. 154 and a charter member of the order of Geeks, also of Portsmouth. In politics he is a democrat.

Joshua Oakes Sons & Company. One of the large and important plants which give distinctive character to the industrial activities of the Hanging Rock Iron Region is the Joshua Oakes Sons & Company, manufacturers of drain tile and red brick at Oakland in Green Township, Scioto County. The founder of the business, who recently died, had a long and industrious career in Scioto County, and belonged to one of the oldest families of this region. He has been succeeded by his sons, who have continued the clay product industry established nearly forty years ago, and the business is now flourishing and one of more than local importance. Joshua Oakes was born January 11, 1826, at Haverhill, Ohio, in Green Township of Scioto County, and in his earlier

days followed the Ohio River, working as a boatman and boat manager along the Ohio. He was a man of versatile energy and had much initiative and enterprise. An instance of this is the fact that he bought the first circular saw mill used anywhere along the Ohio Valley, and set it up and did considerable business in manufacturing lumber for several years. Later he conducted the ferry at Haverhill, and finally sold that and bought a farm a mile and a half north of Haverhill, situated in lots 8 and 9 of the French Grant. His purchase of that land was in 1858. After farming for some years he and his sons established a tile and brick yard in 1877. That plant has been enlarged and brought to rank as a leading industry.

Joshua Oakes died January 12, 1914, and his wife passed away in 1900. There were eight children, seven of whom are living: Mary, wife of Charles Austin; A. D. Oakes; Oscar F. Oakes; Ella, widow of Capt. Sam Mathewson; Elona R., wife of Fillmore Musser, cashier of the Ohio Valley Bank at Portsmouth; Elmore, a farmer near McDermott, Ohio; Frank Oakes. The sons, A. D., Oscar F. and Frank, are now at the head of the brick and tile works.

A. D. Oakes married Hannah Austin, and their eight children are all married and have established homes of their own, excepting Floyd L. Oakes, who was killed in an accident at Martinsville, Indiana, July 7, 1915. Mr. Oakes is a member of the Woodmen of the World, belongs to the Grange, and he and his brothers are among the leading business men of Green Township.

Robert S. Stewart, M. D. A capable physician and surgeon with a career of active practice covering the past seventeen years spent in the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and who is now located at South Webster in Scioto County, Doctor Stewart belongs to one of the older families in this section of Ohio and through his profession has made himself a factor of usefulness in the community. Doctor Stewart at the present time is serving as local surgeon at South Webster for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Robert S. Stewart was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, January 4, 1859, a son of Rufus C. and Hannah J. (Boggs) Stewart. His father was a native of the same county, was a farmer by occupation, and during the Civil war enlisted for service in the Sixth Ohio Cavalry, and gave up his life while in service as a sacrifice to the preservation of the Union. At his death his widow was left with six children, and five of them are still living. One son is Dr. David G. Stewart, a physician and surgeon at Ironton, Ohio.

Dr. Robert S. Stewart grew up on a farm, had limited advantages,

and through his own energy and ambition prepared himself for his chosen work. He attended the public schools of Ironton, and in 1897 graduated M. D. from the Kentucky School of Medicine and Hospital, and began his practice at Black Fork in Lawrence County. Doctor Stewart moved to South Webster in 1911, and has been favored with a large practice both in town and country.

Doctor Stewart married Ida M. Hudson, daughter of Dr. David Hudson, a prominent old physician of Waterloo, Ohio. Doctor Stewart and wife have four children: Carrie, wife of D. S. Davis of Oak Hill, in the lumber business; Roxie, wife of Thomas Williams, an engineer, living at Oak Hill; Nellie, unmarried and at home; and Emil H., married and living in South Webster. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Doctor Stewart is affiliated with Waterloo Lodge No. 532, Free and Accepted Masons, and in politics is a republican.

John Harcha. As a lad of eight years the ex-postmaster of the Village of Buena Vista, Scioto County, accompanied his parents on their immigration from Germany to America, and he was reared and educated in the village that is now his home and in which he has given excellent account of himself in connection with business activities and civic affairs, his popularity and his hold upon the confidence and good will of the community being indicated by his incumbency of the office of postmaster for about a quarter of a century, and is now deputy county clerk of Scioto County. Mr. Harcha is well known in Scioto County, is imbued with marked civic loyalty and progressivness and is well entitled to recognition in this history of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio.

John Harcha was born at Oberzelt kur Hessen, Germany, on the 6th of October, 1872, and at the same place was born his father, John Henry Harcha, the date of whose nativity was October 11, 1846. The latter's father was a substantial farmer in that section of the great empire of Germany and there passed his entire life, of the three children the only one to come to America being the father of the ex-postmaster of Buena Vista. John H. Harcha attended the schools of his native land until he was in his fifteenth year, and he continued to be identified with the improving and cultivating of land in Hessen until he had attained the age of twenty-one years, when he found employment in the great Krupp manufactory of firearms, with which celebrated institution he continued to be thus identified for four years. In 1882 he came to the United States, being accompanied by his wife and their three children, and within a short time after his arrival in America he

established his home at Buena Vista, where he was employed for a number of years at the stone quarries that have contributed to the industrial prestige of Scioto County in a large degree. Through industry and good management he gained independence and definite prosperity, made judicious investments in real estate, and he now gives his attention principally to the management of his various property interests, as one of the sterling and honored citizens of the county of his adoption. In the year 1872 he wedded Miss Anne Katie Dorn, who was a native of the same place in which he himself was born, the date of her birth having been August, 1846. She died on the 10th of September, 1904, having been a devoted wife and mother, and having been survived by four children—John, William Frederick, Henry and Elizabeth. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. In 1906 John H. Harcha contracted a second marriage, being united in wedlock to Mrs. Anne Katie (Scheffer) Loss, widow of Henry Loss, of Scioto County.

John Harcha, the immediate subject of this sketch, acquired his rudimentary education in his native land and was eight years of age at the time of the family immigration to the United States. His alert mind enabled him to profit duly by the advantages that were afforded him in the public schools of Buena Vista and the memories of his fatherland soon became obscured through contemporary influences and conditions, so that he is essentially and loyally American in all that pertains to appreciation and loyal citizenship. As a youth he entered the employ of the Buena Vista Freestone Company, in the capacity of sawyer, and he remained with this corporation until its affairs were placed in the hands of a receiver. Thereafter he became associated with others in the organization and incorporation of the Buena Vista Stone Company, which purchased the plant of the company previously mentioned and which operated the same for two years thereafter.

In 1898, under the administration of President McKinley, Mr. Harcha was appointed postmaster at Buena Vista, and of this position he continued the efficient and popular incumbent until 1915, when he accepted the deputy clerkship of Scioto County under Clerk J. W. Hall. His administration of the affairs of the offices have been circumspect and systematic and have given satisfaction to the community. He is a stalwart republican in politics, is progressive and public-spirited as a citizen and takes a loyal interest in all that concerns the general welfare of his home village, where he has served for the past eight years as a member of the school board, of which he is clerk at the time of this writing. Mr. Harcha and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is affiliated with Rome Lodge No. 535, Free and Accepted Masons; Buena Vista Lodge No. 842, Independent Order of Odd

Fellows, and with Peerless Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose, in the City of Portsmouth.

On the 25th of March, 1894, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Harcha to Miss Elizabeth Roth, who was born in Nile Township, Scioto County, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Knauff) Roth, the former of whom was born in Oberzelt kur Hessen, Germany, and the latter in Butler County, Pennsylvania. Conrad Roth was born January 19, 1835, his parents having passed their entire lives in that section of the German empire in which he was born and reared and where he continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until his immigration to the United States, at the age of twenty years. He landed in the City of New Orleans, and from the Crescent City he soon made his way to Adams County, Ohio, where he found employment at farm work, later in the stone quarries and finally as a carpenter. He devoted his attention to the carpenter's trade until 1882, when he purchased a farm three miles east of Buena Vista, where he continued to reside until his death, in 1889. His wife was born on a farm about ten miles distant from the judicial center of Butler County, Pennsylvania, on the 22d of February, 1842. Her father, Michael Knauff, was born in Germany and was twelve years old at the time of the family immigration to America. His father, Nicholas Knauff, purchased land in Butler County, Pennsylvania, and was there identified with farming until his death. Michael Knauff continued his residence in Butler County until 1853, when he came to Ohio and purchased a farm in Green Township, Adams County, where he finally died at the venerable age of eighty-four years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Gardner, having been born in Germany and having been young when she came with her parents to the United States. She attained to the age of seventy-one years, her mother having reached the remarkable age of ninety-four years. Conrad and Elizabeth (Knauff) Roth became the parents of eleven children, namely: Margaret, Michael, Mary, Elizabeth, Henry, Lucy, Anna, Conrad, Frederick, Amelia and Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Harcha have a pleasant home at Buena Vista, and the same is known for its generous hospitality and good cheer. They have two sons, Howard Henry and John Roth, the former of whom is a member of the class of 1916 in the high school at Portsmouth, and the latter of whom is attending the village schools of Buena Vista.

Samuel G. Harper. For a great many years the Harper family have been identified with the professional life of Scioto County. The father of Samuel G. Harper was Judge John J. Harper, one of the

most distinguished members of the Scioto County bar for many years. Samuel G. Harper is a civil engineer by profession, has done much important work in that line, and his son was recently elected county surveyor of Scioto County.

Samuel G. Harper was born in Portsmouth, October 27, 1864. His father, Judge John James Harper, was born on a farm near Amanda in Fairfield County, Ohio, July 6, 1834. The grandfather was Alexander Harper, a native of Berkeley County, Virginia, who came out to Ohio and was one of the early settlers in Fairfield County, where he developed a farm and lived a number of years. While in Fairfield County he served as a justice of the peace. From Ohio he moved to Peoria County, Illinois, and lived there until his death in 1858. Alexander Harper married Jane Cunningham, who died in 1881.

The late Judge John J. Harper grew up in Fairfield County, acquired his education in the common schools, taught school both in Fairfield and in Pickaway counties, and in 1853 began an interesting venture which eventually brought him to Portsmouth and into professional life. In that year, in partnership with Horace Ellis, he bought a photograph outfit, consisting of the implements of the trade and a wagon fitted up for the purpose, in which they traveled from one place to another, remaining long enough to serve the people with their art and then going to another town. That was a time when photography was confined to the old-fashioned daguerreotype and ambrotype pictures, many of which are still found in family albums. Arriving at Portsmouth, Judge Harper bought his partner's interest in the concern, and for several years conducted the business alone. In 1858 he began the study of law with Mr. Hutchins, and was admitted to the bar April 25, 1860. Then followed a number of years of practice as a lawyer which brought him well earned and honorable distinction. He was associated with a number of well known lawyers, one time being a partner of Col. Henry E. Jones, later of F. C. Searle, and also with Hon. John K. Richards. In 1886 Judge Harper removed to Washington Court House, Ohio, and lived there until his death.

Judge Harper was prominent in public affairs. In 1863 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Scioto County, and re-elected in 1865. In 1868 his name was placed on the republican ticket as presidential elector. In 1871 he was elected to the Common Pleas bench, was re-elected in 1876, and gave a capable administration of that judicial office until 1882. Judge Harper was twice married. His first wife, the mother of Samuel G., was Emily Jones, who was born in Portsmouth and died in 1874, and her four children were John E., William A., Samuel G. and Joseph H.

In the Evans History of Scioto County appears the following pen portrait of the late Judge Harper: "In personal appearance he is tall, erect, above the average height, of fine, manly and gentlemanly appearance. He always wears a silk hat and is most fastidious in his dress and personal appearance. His linen is always immaculate, and his clothing of the best and most fashionable. He was always the best dressed lawyer at the Portsmouth bar. While he was in politics he always had the support of his county for Congress, and might have been in Congress had he had the ability to make political deals. That he scorned, and hence he missed the honor of representing his district in the national legislature. He enjoyed the respect of the members of his profession throughout the state for his legal attainments."

Samuel G. Harper grew up in Portsmouth, attended the public schools, and in 1883 became assistant to the city engineer. This was the service which introduced him to his chosen field of work. Later he was clerk in different offices in the courthouse for a few years, served two terms as county surveyor, two years as city engineer, and since then has been in active practice as a surveyor and civil and construction engineer. At the present time his services are engaged by the City of New Boston in supervising the construction of the water system, the sewerage and street paving.

Samuel G. Harper married, in 1889, Mary Dotson, daughter of Daniel and Clarissa (Diffenbaugh) Dotson, both natives of Ohio and of German stock. The seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Harper are: John J., Sadie M., Samuel G., Jr., Emma J., Joseph H., Marie W. and Mary D. The son John, after leaving the public schools, studied surveying with his father, for three years was employed in the engineering department of the Norfolk & Western Railway, was assistant city engineer two years, and on November 3 was elected to the office of county surveyor. He is the youngest county surveyor in the State of Ohio. Mr. Samuel G. Harper is affiliated with Massie Lodge No. 115, Knights of Pythias, and with Peerless Lodge No. 762, Loyal Order of Moose.

W. Albert Wurster. In business circles at Portsmouth, W. Albert Wurster has enjoyed the relations of the successful man and public-spirited citizen for many years. Formerly engaged in the bakery business, he has for the past fifteen years been identified with the Tracy Shoe Company and is now secretary of that well known local enterprise.

W. Albert Wurster is a native of the City of Portsmouth, born February 3, 1867. His father, the late John George Wurster, was a sterling German-American citizen, a native of Dettingen, Wuertem-

berg, Germany. Grandfather Wurster was a manufacturer of linseed oil in Wuertemberg, spent all his life there, and had a mill which was operated by water power. He was twice married, and John George was the only child of his first wife. By his second marriage he reared seven sons, all of whom so far as known remained in their native land. John George Wurster as a boy attended school steadily, and subsequently became assistant to his father in the management of the linseed oil mill. It was his ambition to make a fortune in the New World, and at the age of nineteen he accomplished that journey which brought him to the land of his desires, landing in New York a stranger among strange people, and without capital except good health and willing hands. After a short period of employment in New York City, he joined some relatives in Waverly, Ohio, and later came to Portsmouth. He was a hard-working, industrious and thrifty young German, and at Portsmouth was employed a few years in the Gaylord Rolling Mills and then on the death of his brother-in-law, Fred Kraft, succeeded to his baking business. John G. Wurster conducted that shop and established a high reputation for the quality of his products until his death in 1886. John G. Wurster married Mary Dorothy Kiedaisch. She was born also in Wuertemberg, Germany, a daughter of J. Frederick Kiedaisch, who brought his family from Germany, and after a short residence at Waverly, Ohio, moved to Portsmouth and lived there until his death. Mrs. John G. Wurster died in 1876. She reared four sons and one daughter. The daughter, Mary, is the wife of Daniel Egbert, present county commissioner. The sons are John, J. Fred, William Albert and J. George.

William Albert Wurster acquired his early education in the public schools of Portsmouth, and early began earning his own way. His first regular work was in assisting his father in the bakery, and after his father's death he conducted the business successfully until 1899. In that year he became connected with the Tracy Shoe Company as bookkeeper, in 1906 acquired an interest in the concern, and at the present time is secretary, and one of the men who have done much to increase the business to its present flourishing proportions.

Mr. Wurster was married in 1888 to Elizabeth M. Miller, who was born in Portsmouth, daughter of John T. and Elizabeth (Smith) Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Wurster are members of the German Evangelical Church, and he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum.

John P. Addis. The efficient and honored superintendent of the Scioto County Infirmary, in Washington Township, has been prominently identified with various lines of enterprise in this county, where

he is the owner of a finely improved farm and other valuable realty, and where he commands secure vantage-place in popular confidence and esteem, as is evidenced by his being called to the exacting office of which he is now the incumbent and in which he is giving a most effective and satisfactory administration.

Mr. Addis was born in Sims Township, Lawrence County, Ohio, and is a son of Thomas and Joan (Phillips) Addis. Thomas Addis was born in Adams County, this state, in 1840, and is a son of Rev. Freeman Addis, who likewise was born in Adams County, a member of a sterling pioneer family of that county. Rev. Freeman Addis became a clergyman of the Baptist Church and labored with much of consecration and zeal in the uplifting of his fellow men. He finally removed from his native county to Lawrence County, where he purchased and established his home on a farm, in Sims Township. While giving his personal supervision to his farm he continued his earnest services as a minister and he held the reverent affection of those who came within the sphere of his benignant influence during the course of his long and useful life. He was well advanced in years at the time of his death, and he and his noble wife reared a family of eight children—Isaac, Thomas, Barbara, Benjamin, Barton, Mary, Lewis and Margaret. At the inception of the Civil war three of the sons, Isaac, Thomas and Benjamin, enlisted in defense of the Union, and all continued in active service until the close of the great conflict through which the integrity of the nation was perpetuated. Barton, the fourth son, likewise enlisted in 1861, and he sacrificed his life on the field of battle. Lewis, the youngest of the sons, was too young for enlistment until the final year of the war, when he entered the ranks and made an admirable record as a youthful patriot. The father was beyond the age limit for military service, but he zealously applied himself in recruiting soldiers and caring for the families of those who had gone to the front, as well as widows and orphans of soldiers who had fallen in battle. He amplified his patriotic service by serving as a trainmaster in the moving of Union forces during the last part of the war. During his entire adult life this sturdy clergyman and patriot was unflagging in his support of the principles of the democratic party, and from this political faith his sons and other descendants have not departed.

Thomas Addis was about ten years of age at the time of the family removal to Lawrence County, where he was reared to manhood under the discipline of the home farm and attended the pioneer schools, besides having the benignant influences of a home of marked culture and refinement. He was about twenty-one years old when the Civil war was precipitated on the nation and he promptly tendered his services in defense of the

Union. Crossing the Ohio River, he enlisted as a private in the Second Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and with this command he saw active and arduous service during the earlier part of the war. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Ohio and within a short time thereafter he re-enlisted, as a veteran. At this time he became a member of the One Hundred and Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the command of General Thomas, and he continued in active service for some time after the final surrender of Generals Lee and Johnston. Upon receiving his honorable discharge for a second time, he returned to his home in Lawrence County, with a record of faithful and gallant service as a soldier of the republic and as one who had taken part in many important engagements.

Turning his attention once more to the pursuits of peace, Thomas Addis purchased a farm in Sims Township, Lawrence County, and in addition to giving effective supervision to the cultivation and improvement of his farm he developed also a prosperous enterprise in the burning of charcoal, which he sold and delivered to various iron furnaces in the vicinity. In 1890 Mr. Addis sold his farm and removed to Scioto County, where he purchased a good farm, in Madison Township. On this homestead he remained until 1913, when he sold the property, and he now resides in the home of one of his daughters, at Waterloo, Lawrence County, having retired after long years of earnest and fruitful endeavor. His wife was born in Aid Township, Lawrence County, and was a daughter of Henry and Rebecca Phillips. She was summoned to eternal rest in 1894, at the age of fifty-five years, and is survived by six children—John P., Barton, Minnie, Hattie, George and Bertha.

To the district schools of his native township, in Lawrence County, George P. Addis is indebted for his early education, and when a lad of but twelve years he became a productive worker, as a driver of one of his father's teams and as an assistant in various departments of the farm work. He remained at the parental home until he had attained to his legal majority and then made a trip to the South, but he was not sufficiently impressed with the advantages and attractions of that section of the country to make there a definite location. Upon his return to Ohio he engaged in farming and the cutting of timber in Jefferson and Madison townships, Scioto County, and a few years later he turned his attention to contracting in the construction of public highways. While thus engaged he purchased a farm in Harrison Township, as well as village property at Harrisonville, where he established himself in the general merchandise business, to which he continued to give his supervision until May, 1914, when he was appointed

superintendent of the county infirmary, the office of which he is now the incumbent.

Mr. Addis cast his first presidential vote in support of Grover Cleveland and he has since continued a stalwart advocate and upholder of the cause of the democratic party, in the local affairs of which he has been prominent and influential. He is at the present time a member of the Democratic County Committee of Scioto County and also of the party's executive committee in this county. While a resident of Jefferson Township Mr. Addis served as assessor, constable and land appraiser, and in Harrison Township he was called in turn to the offices of assessor, land appraiser and justice of the peace, besides having served fifteen years as a member of the election board of the township. He is a charter member of the lodge of Knights of Pythias at Harrisonville, where he is also affiliated with the camp of the Sons of Veterans, his father being a valued and appreciative member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he holds membership also in the Modern Woodmen of America and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Mrs. Addis is a zealous member of the Baptist Church and has been a popular figure in church and social circles.

In the year 1886 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Addis to Miss Julia Delaney, who was born at Scioto Furnace, a daughter of John and Mary (Wolfe) Delaney, both natives of Pennsylvania. From the old Keystone State Mr. Delaney came to Scioto County, Ohio, where he remained for several years, and after the death of his wife he returned to Pennsylvania, which continued to be the place of his residence until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Addis have eight children, namely: Bertha, Minnie, Lillie, Edward, William, Thomas, Emma and Floyd B.

Albert Turner. Few counties of the old Buckeye State can vie with Scioto County in general attractiveness and opulent natural resources, and of the many fine farmsteads which make this county a veritable garden, one of the excellent and admirably improved landed estates is that owned by Albert Turner, the same comprising 300 acres of specially fertile land, situated in the beautiful Ohio Valley about eight miles to the south of the City of Portsmouth, the judicial center and thriving metropolis of the county. Mr. Turner is a native of Scioto County and a representative of one of its honored pioneer families, the name which he bears having been prominently identified with the civic and industrial development and progress of this favored section of the state and he himself holding prestige as one of the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of the county, and as a citizen of marked liberality and public spirit.

Mr. Turner was born at the old homestead, near Union Mills, Washington Township, this county, on the 12th of November, 1863, and is a son of William and Mary (Daniels) Turner, who reared six children, of whom he was the third in order of birth, the names of the other children being Frank, Louisa, Andrew, Barry and Jennie D. Louisa is the wife of Andrew Briggs, and Jennie D. married Christian Blair. William Turner was born in Washington Township, Scioto County, on the 20th of March, 1832, and was a son of Samuel and Phoebe (Wilson) Turner, the latter having been a native of Virginia and a representative of the well known family of that name in the Old Dominion State. Samuel Turner was one of the earliest settlers of Washington Township, Scioto County, where he reclaimed a farm from the wilderness, became influential in public affairs of a local order and where he continued to reside until his death, as did also his wife. They became the parents of four children—John, William, Mary and Maria.

William Turner was reared under the conditions and influences of the pioneer farm and eventually became one of the most successful and influential agriculturists of his native county. He accumulated a valuable landed estate of 500 acres, gave his influence and co-operation in the furtherance of enterprises projected for the general good of the county and its people, and so ordered his course as to merit and receive the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellow men. He espoused the cause of the republican party at the time of its organization, ever afterward continuing a staunch supporter of the same. He was influential in public affairs in Scioto County, where he served a number of years as township trustee and for six years as county commissioner. In the Evans history of this section of the state William Turner is referred to as having been "one of the most reliable citizens of Scioto county." He died at the age of about seventy-nine years, having contracted a second marriage when well advanced in years, his first wife, mother of the subject of this review, having been about fifty-eight years old when she was summoned to eternal rest.

Albert Turner was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and there learned the dignity and value of honest toil and endeavor, the while he made good use of the advantages afforded him in the rural schools of the vicinity. At the time of his marriage he established his residence on his present homestead farm, which has the best of permanent improvements, including a house with metropolitan equipment and facilities, and under his able management the farm is maintained under effective cultivation, with excellent yields of the various products best suited to the soil and climate, besides which he raises on the place excellent grades of live stock and is known as one

of the alert and progressive farmers of the county which has been his home from the time of his birth. He is an exponent of high civic ideals, is a stalwart republican in politics, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his sterling attributes of character command to him the high regard of all who know him. Concerning Mr. Turner a previous publication has spoken in the following words: "While he is essentially a man of business, he is a lover of sports, and in time of leisure takes delight in hunting and in an occasional fox chase."

On the 11th of March, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Turner to Miss Catherine Barbee, a daughter of William A. and Mary (Gable) Barbee, both natives of Portsmouth, Scioto County, where their marriage was solemnized in the year 1869. William A. Barbee was born December 23, 1847, and is a son of Elias and Mary (Hyatt) Barbee, the latter of whom was a daughter of Elvin Hyatt. Elias Barbee was born at Dayton, Ohio, and was a son of William A. and Frances (Curtis) Barbee, honored pioneers of Ohio, to which state it is supposed that William A. Barbee came from Virginia; he passed the closing years of his life in the vicinity of Dayton and his widow was a resident of Portsmouth at the time of her death. Elias Barbee came to Portsmouth from Dayton at the age of eighteen years, making the journey by way of Cincinnati and traversing the entire distance on foot. He learned the carpenter's trade, to which he devoted his attention, at Portsmouth, for a few years, after which he was engaged in farming in Scioto County until his death, he and his wife having reared five children. William A. Barbee, father of Mrs. Turner, attended the schools of Portsmouth in his youth and in 1863, when in his seventeenth year, he tendered his services in defense of the Union. He enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he proceeded to West Virginia and with which he continued in service until after the expiration of 100 days' term of enlistment. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to his home and during the remainder of his active career he was engaged in farming in Scioto County, where he achieved marked success and where he is still known and honored as an upright and loyal citizen, he and his wife now residing in an attractive home about 2½ miles distant from Portsmouth, on the Buena Vista road, and he has practically retired from active labor, after years of earnest and fruitful endeavor. Mrs. Barbee is a daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Degare) Gable, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter of whom was of French ancestry. Nicholas Gable was a son of Jacob Gable, who passed his entire life in Germany. As a young man

Nicholas immigrated to the United States and established his residence at Portsmouth, where he and his wife maintained their home for a number of years, after which he purchased a farm about seven miles distant from that city, in the picturesque Scioto Valley, where both passed the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of ten children, namely: Catherine, Lucy, Martha, Rhoda, Cornelius, May, Annie, Bertha, Leslie and Clifford. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have three children —William, Leroy and Ethel, the two remaining at the parental home being William and Ethel. Leroy is a progressive young farmer of Scioto County and he married Miss Ethel Pyles. The fine homestead of Mr. Turner is eligibly situated in Nile Township and is one of the fine farms of Scioto County, with thrift and prosperity in evidence on every side.

Capt. Cread F. Milstead. A man of solid worth, possessing in a high degree those traits that command respect in business and social circles, Capt. Cread F. Milstead is widely known as ex-mayor of Portsmouth, his home city, and as commander of Bailey Post No. 164, Grand Army of the Republic. He was born January 15, 1847, on a farm near Buffalo Springs, Amherst County, Virginia, which was also the birthplace of his father, Newman Milstead. His grandfather, Joseph Milstead, was of English descent, his immigrant ancestor on the paternal side having come from England to America in early colonial days, settling in Maryland, from whence many of his descendants went to other states, some locating in Virginia, and others settling in Tennessee, Mississippi, or other southern states. The grandfather was an extensive planter in Virginia, carrying on farming with slave labor.

Newman Milstead was born in Amherst County, Virginia, February 9, 1802, and was there reared to agricultural pursuits. In 1849 he came with his wife and eight children to Ohio, making an overland trip with teams to Malden, West Virginia, where he embarked on a keel boat and floated down the Kanawha and Ohio rivers to Lawrence County, Ohio. Taking up land in Union Township, he was there engaged in tilling the soil until his death, June 22, 1871. He married Clara England, who was born in Amherst County, Virginia, July 15, 1802, and died on the home farm in Union Township, December 8, 1872. They reared eight children, as follows: Richard, born July 4, 1825; Harvey, born March 4, 1827; Sophronia, born September 6, 1829; Erastus, born April 16, 1832; James H., born April 30, 1837; Elizabeth, born February 3, 1840; Thomas Given, born July 24, 1843; and Cread F., born January 15, 1847.

But two years old when brought by his parents to Ohio, Cread F.

Milstead attended the rural schools and assisted his father on the farm until sixteen years and six months old. Then, fired with patriotic enthusiasm, he enlisted in Company E, Fifth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the First Brigade, Second Division, Eighth Army Corps of West Virginia, which was under command of Gen. Rutherford B. Hayes. With his regiment he took part in many of the engagements of the Civil war, including among others those at Lynchburg, Virginia; Fallston; Kernstown; Berryville; Winchester; Fisher's Hill; and Cedar Creek. He continued with his regiment in all of its marches and campaigns until the close of the conflict, receiving his honorable discharge at Wheeling, Virginia, July 25, 1865.

Returning home, Mr. Milstead continued his studies, which had been so rudely interrupted, attending first a select school, and later Marshall College, in Huntington, West Virginia. Going then tc New Orleans, he was at first pilot on the Mississippi and Red rivers, and later having command of the steamers Clifford and Hamilton in the Red River trade. Returning north in 1874, Mr. Milstead accepted a position with the Eastern Kentucky Railroad as station agent at Willard, Kentucky, where he also served as the first postmaster of the place. Five years later, in 1879, he came to Portsmouth, and the following twenty-three years was employed as a traveling salesman. He was afterwards paymaster for the Portsmouth Brick Company for a year, but since 1908 has been actively and successfully engaged in the insurance business.

Captain Milstead married, September 22, 1872, Ruhama Irwin, who was born, July 21, 1847, at Mount Vernon Furnace, Lawrence County, Ohio, where she acquired her elementary education, which was completed in the city schools of Portsmouth, while she was boarding at the home of Mr. W. S. McColm. Mrs. Milstead's father, James C. Irwin, was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, May 20, 1817, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. In early manhood he began working at Mount Vernon Furnace, where he was employed as storekeeper a number of years. Going then to the Howard Furnace, in which he had purchased an interest, he was manager of the plant for some time. Selling out his interests, Mr. Irwin purchased a farm near Burlington, Ohio, and after living upon it for awhile sold out, and purchased an interest in the Buffalo Furnace, in Kentucky, thinking it solvent. It proved otherwise, however, and his entire wealth was swept away. Mr. Irwin then accepted a position with the Eastern Kentucky Railway Company as station agent at Hopewell, where he also served as postmaster, and in addition had charge of the company's store. On April 11, 1896, he resigned his position, and thereafter lived retired until his death, in

Grayson, Kentucky, June 29, 1908. His body was buried beside that of his wife in the rural cemetery at Hopewell, Kentucky. Mr. Irwin married, March 29, 1846, Sarah Wilson, daughter of John Wilson. She died April 11, 1896, the mother of eleven children, as follows: Ruhama B., Sarah E., (who died in infancy at Mt. Vernon Furnace, Ohio), William, Thomas O., Demar, Alexander, James C., John W., Ban C., Henry F., and Harry C. Mr. Irwin was a member of the Presbyterian Church, but there being no church of that denomination in Hopewell he attended the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. Irwin was a devoted member. He was a republican in politics, and while living in Mount Vernon was there postmaster.

Captain and Mrs. Milstead are the parents of six children, namely: Charles Curtis, Sadie, James, Clara, Pearl, and Jessie. One child, Cread Fulton, died in infancy. Charles C. Milstead married Luella Smalley, and they have five children, Ruth, Aletha, Lucille, Charles and James. Sadie, wife of R. J. Williams, has four children, Ruhama, John, Cread and Dorothy. James died at the age of thirty-three years. Clara married John S. Hughes, and they have one son, Cread Hughes. Captain and Mrs. Milstead are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as are all of their children with the exception of their son Charles, who, with his family, belongs to All Saints Episcopal Church. Politically the captain is a staunch republican, and has served as a member of the election board. He was elected mayor of Portsmouth in 1901, and filled the position so efficiently that he was re-elected to the same high office in 1903, his service in that capacity covering a period of four years and eight months. He is commander of Bailey Post No. 164, Grand Army of the Republic, and served as department inspector under Generals A. M. Warner and I. F. Mack.

William Tipton. One of the farms which contribute to the well ordered prosperity of Nile Township, Scioto County, is the place of William Tipton, situated on the Buena Vista road, ten miles from Portsmouth. Mr. Tipton is well known and stands high in the citizenship of this locality, where he was formerly a merchant and sawmill man, and in whatever direction his enterprise has turned he has been prospered.

William Tipton was born on the Big Sandy River, near Louisa, Kentucky, and represents the sturdy stock of the Carolina mountain people, with whom liberty has been a keynote of their existence. His grandfather, Jackson Tipton, was, according to all accounts, a native of Yancey County, North Carolina, where he owned a farm. Subsequently he moved to Wise County, Virginia, but three years later re-

turned to his native county. During the struggle between the states he remained loyal to the Union, and met his death at the hands of guerrillas, largely because of his stand in favor of the North. His widow survived several years, and spent her last days in Vance County, North Carolina. Among her children were Wiley, John, Sally, Iby, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Alfred and Samuel.

Wiley C. Tipton, father of William, was born in Yancey County, North Carolina, August 7, 1835, and spent his early life on the home farm. After the death of his father he came over into Kentucky, and after about six months spent on Big Mud Creek, continued on to Ohio. He soon returned to Kentucky and enlisted in Company B of the Thirty-ninth Kentucky Mounted Infantry, with which command he went to the front, and was with it in all its marches, campaigns and battles until hostilities ceased. He served until after the war, and received his honorable discharge in September, 1865.

He had married, February 17, 1856, Nancy Vance, who was born in Yancey County, North Carolina, July 22, 1840. Both her father, David Vance, and her grandfather, Robert Vance, were natives of the same county. Robert Vance, who spent his last years in Wise County, Virginia, married Mary Googe, who as a widow returned to North Carolina and died there. David Vance was reared on a farm, and subsequently moved to Wise County, Virginia, where he bought a farm in a valley between the mountains, far away from any railway or town and five miles from his nearest neighbor. He had the instincts of the real pioneers and frontiersman, and was an expert hunter and fisherman and supplied his table with the wild game which was everywhere in great abundance. He also kept a flock of sheep and raised flax, so that the item of clothing was well provided for. His wife had unusual skill in the entire range of housewifely duties, and especially in the carding, spinning and weaving of wool and flax, and dressed her family in homespun. Her daughter, the mother of William Tipton, became proficient in the same arts, and during her early married life made and cut the cloth for the garments of all her household. During the war, while her husband was in the army, she and her children lived near Louisa, Kentucky. After the war Wiley Tipton brought his family to Nile Township in Scioto County, where he rented a farm and made his home until his death on December 3, 1892. His widow is still living, with home in Portsmouth. Her eight children that grew up were Sarah, David, John, William, Bettie, Frances, Carmelia and Alfred.

William Tipton acquired his education in the rural schools and was trained both for farming and for business largely by practice. In 1893 he engaged in the mercantile business at Pond Run, where he kept a

stock of general merchandise, and also put up a steam sawmill and carried on the manufacture of lumber for ten years. On leaving this business, which gave him the foundation of his success, he bought the farm he now owns and occupies, and has since been numbered among the prosperous farmers of Nile Township. He has his acres well cultivated and improved with excellent buildings.

On October 8, 1893, Mr. Tipton married Wilhelmina Weghorst. She was born in Scioto County, a daughter of Charles and Sarah (Patton) Weghorst, her father being a native of Germany and her mother of Scotch-Irish stock. Mr. Tipton and wife have seven children: Alvina, Wiley, Oscar, Henry, David, John and Ada. Mr. and Mrs. Tipton are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, though she was reared a Presbyterian.

JOHN T. SULLIVAN. In his attractive home in the Village of Buena Vista, Scioto County, Mr. Sullivan is now living retired, after many years of earnest and productive service as one of the world's workers. Though he has been a resident of the United States from childhood and has here had a varied and somewhat eventful career, he claims the fair old Emerald Isle as the place of his nativity and on both the paternal and maternal sides is a scion of fine old Irish lineage, the history of the respective families in Ireland tracing back for many generations and to the time when "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." County Waterford, Ireland, figures as the birthplace not only of John T. Sullivan, but also as that of his parents, John and Julia (Whalen) Sullivan, whose marriage was there solemnized. He whose name initiates this paragraph was born in the Town of Dungarvan, situated near the mouth of the Colligan River, in Waterford, Ireland, and he was five years of age at the time of the family immigration to America, about the year 1847. The father and his brother Edward were the only representatives of their generation to perpetuate the family name in the United States, Edward having lived in the New England States for a number of years and thereafter having been engaged in the coal-mining business in West Virginia and finally having come to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his life. He left two sons, one of whom likewise bore the name of Edward.

John Sullivan was reared and educated in his native county and about the year 1847 he immigrated with his wife and their two children to the United States, the voyage having been made in a sailing vessel and the family having landed in the City of Boston, Massachusetts. After having been employed for a time in connection with railroad operations in New England, he went to White Sulphur Springs,

the historic old resort in Greenbriar County, West Virginia, where at that time extensive improvements were being made upon the property. He was there employed until after the outbreak of the Civil war, and he gained much enmity and persecution because he refused to enter the Confederate service. He was arrested and made the object of other indignities, including even threats against his life, but with his family he finally contrived to escape and make his way to Portsmouth, Ohio, some of the members of his family having been unable to make provision for personal comfort, as most of their effects had to be abandoned in their flight and the refugees having appeared in Ohio with one or more of their number barefooted. The entire resources of the head of the family were represented in $3,000, all in Confederate money, the value of which was but little if anything, after he had brought it to the North. Mr. Sullivan entered the employ of the Buena Vista Freestone Company, and with this corporation he continued for a number of years. Late in life he went to the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to make his home with one of his daughters, and there he died at the patriarchal age of ninety-four years, his cherished and devoted wife having passed away in middle life. Of the five children, John T., of this review, was the firstborn; James is a successful real-estate dealer in New York City; Edward is a resident of the City of Cincinnati; and William has been for more than thirty years in the employ of a leading wholesale drygoods house in the City of New York; the other two children were daughters.

John T. Sullivan attended school in a somewhat irregular way in the earlier years after the immigration of the family to America, and in 1857, when about fifteen years of age he entered the employ of Howard Daniels, a skilled landscape gardener who was at the time engaged in laying out the grounds of the White Sulphur Springs resort in West Virginia. After this work was completed Mr. Sullivan accompanied his employer to the City of Baltimore, Maryland, where Mr. Daniels had obtained the contract for the laying out of the Druid Hill Park. On this enterprise he was engaged at the inception of the Civil war, and Mr. Sullivan well recalls the turbulence and excitement that was in evidence in that city when the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment fought its way through the city. Within a short time thereafter both he and his employer entered the government service, in the building of forts. They constructed the fort on Federal Hill, Baltimore, and also assisted in the erection of the fort built by the United States Government on the estate of General Stewart, a distinguished Confederate officer. They were thus in the employ of the Government until the close of the war, and Mr. Sullivan then came to Scioto County to

join his parents, who had established their home at Buena Vista. He soon entered the employ of William J. Flagg, who was the owner of 10,000 acres of land in this section of the state, and he continued as a valued employe of Mr. Flagg until the latter's death, after which he remained in the service of the heirs to the estate, and when Ernest Flagg became the sole owner of the valuable property Mr. Sullivan was retained as one of his trusted and valued assistants in the work and management of the properties for a period of thirty-four years. He then met with an accident that incapacitated him for further duty and in recognition of his faithful and effective services and sterling character Mr. Flagg provided him with a generous pension or annuity, and he has since lived retired in his attractive home at Buena Vista, where he is surrounded by a host of loyal and valued friends, his genial and buoyant nature making him a delightful companion and his home being a center of generous hospitality, with naught of conventionality or ostentation. Mr. Sullivan is a democrat in his political allegiance, and he and his wife are earnest communicants of the Catholic Church, in which they hold membership in the parish of St. Ann's Church, at Buena Vista.

In the year 1867 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sullivan to Miss Mary E. Young, daughter of William and Minerva Young, of Scioto County, and she was summoned to the life eternal in 1900, being survived by six children, namely: Edward L., Morris, John J., William, Annie G., and Millie T. For his second wife Mr. Sullivan wedded Mrs. Sarah Dunn, a widow who was born in Scioto County and who presides most graciously over their pleasant home.

John Edwards Williams. Vice president and general manager the Excelsior Shoe Company, John Edwards Williams is prominently identified with one of the more important business enterprises of Portsmouth, and as a manufacturer materially assists in advancing the industrial interests of Scioto County. A son of Evan D. Williams, he was born, June 9, 1863, in the City of Portsmouth, of Welsh ancestry.

His paternal grandfather, David Williams was born in 1790 in Wales, and there grew to manhood. Following the ancestral occupation, he was there engaged in tilling the soil until 1837, when, accompanied by his family, he came to America, being six weeks crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel, landing in New York the evening of July 3d. From that city he proceeded by rail to Harrisburg, then the railway terminus, thence with teams across the mountains to Pittsburgh, and then down the Ohio to Galliopolis, Ohio. After farming for ten years in Gallia County, he moved to Madison Township, Jackson County,

where he made partial payment on a tract of land. There were no railroads in that locality for many years, and money was scarce, all kinds of farm produce selling at a minimum price. With the assistance of his sons he cleared the land, placing it under a good state of cultivation, and was there a resident until his death, in 1874, at the age of four score and four years. His wife also lived to a ripe old age. Their means were limited when they came to this country, but thrift, indoors and out, brought good results, and they acquired a sufficient amount of this world's goods to enable them to spend the later years of their lives in comfort.

The eldest son in a family of six children, Evan D. Williams was a lad of ten years when he left his native land, his birth having occurred in Wales, February 12, 1827. Landing in New York City with his parents the very night before the glorious Fourth of July, just at the commencement of the celebration of the nation's birthday, he was much impressed by the inspiring music and the fireworks, and thought America a great country, indeed. Reared to habits of industry, he assisted in the work of the farm as a boy, remaining at home until seventeen years old. Going then to Pittsburgh, he secured work in a rolling mill, and his earnings, though scant, helped to pay for his father's farm. Coming from there to Portsmouth, Ohio, he was for a quarter of a century a roller in the Gaylord Rolling Mill, but was subsequently engaged in the grocery business at the corner of Third and Waller streets until his death, February 27, 1890. He married Catherine Edwards, who was born in Wales. Her father, Rev. John Edwards, was born and reared in Wales, and as a young man was employed in the iron works, becoming a roller in a rolling mill. Coming to America in 1835, he worked for several years in the mills at Pittsburgh, from there coming to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he found work in a rolling mill. Converted in his youth, he united with the Calvinistic Presbyterian Church, and after coming to this country was ordained as a minister of that denomination. He died in Portsmouth, as did his wife. Evan D. Williams and his wife reared three children, namely: John Edwards, William Grant, and Charles. They were both brought up in the religious faith of the Calvinistic Presbyterians, and after coming to Portsmouth he joined the Second Presbyterian Church, in which he became an active worker.

At the age of fifteen years, having completed the course of study in the public schools, John Edwards Williams entered the employ of W. S. Pattin, with whom he remained until 1882, when he became a laster in the factory of the Drew-Selby Company. Leaving that position in 1888, Mr. Williams, forming a partnership with twenty-five

other expert shoe workers, began manufacturing baby shoes to sell to the local trade. At the end of a year he bought out the interests of his associates, and in 1889, with his two brothers, organized the Excelsior Shoe Company, with a capital of $10,000, and started in business with twenty-five employes. The venture proved successful from the start, the business having had a steady and healthful growth from the first, the capitalization of the company at the present writing, in 1914, being $900,000.

Mr. Williams is likewise connected with many other enterprises of note, being a director of the First National Bank; president of the Mitchell Manufacturing Company; a director of the Standard Supply Company; and has an interest in the iron business at Ironton. He has served as president of the Board of Education of Portsmouth, having held that position when the beautiful modern high school building was erected, and he was likewise one of the committee of the board of directors that erected the First National Bank Building.

Mr. Williams married, May 8, 1890, Sarah M. Davies, who was born in Ironton, Ohio, a daughter of James J. and Ann Davies. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, namely: Evan Charles, James Davies, John Ellsworth, David Charles, and Thomas Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the Second Presbyterian Church, and for fifteen years Mr. Williams has had charge of the Bible class, consisting of from seventy-five to one hundred pupils each Sunday. Fraternally Mr. Williams is a member of Aurora Lodge No. 48, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; of Solomon Council No. 79, Royal and Select Masters; of Cavalry Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar; and of Valley of Cincinnati Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Scottish Rite. In 1900 Mr. Williams bought from Thomas S. Gaylord, his father's former employer, the palatial home which he and his family now occupy, it being one of the most attractive residences in Portsmouth.

David L. Coriell. This is a name that has been identified with Scioto County for the greater part of a century, and it has become honored and respected through long years of successive industry, business integrity and Christian and moral character. Few families have been longer established and none have borne their part in community affairs with greater credit to themselves and with more practical usefulness to the community than the Coriells. David L. Coriell represents the third generation, and lives on a farm that was the birthplace of his father before him, and was first occupied by his grandfather

many years ago. It is a splendid estate of two hundred acres, situated five miles north of Sciotoville on rural free delivery route No. 1.

David L. Coriell was born on that farm December 29, 1887, a son of Alfred and Mary (Lemon) Coriell. Both parents now live in New Boston, Ohio. Alfred Coriell was born on the farm, and was a son of Ira Coriell, who was born in New York State in 1812, and on coming to Ohio located the land now occupied by his descendants. Ira Coriell married Rena White, who was born in Harrison Township of Scioto County, of an even older family than the Coriells. Alfred Coriell and wife were the parents of six children: Serena is the wife of Zenas C. Hayward, of Harrison Township; Hayes, who lives in Harrison Township, first married Ethel Haskins, who died eight months later, and then married Anna Endicott; Walter S. married Virginia Mansfield, and has two sons; Harman H. is deceased; Laura is the wife of Vinton Merwine, of Harrison Township.

David L. Coriell grew up on the home farm, was educated in the common schools, and entered farming as a life vocation. He has gone into agriculture as other men take up merchandising, or the professions, and his success is already secure, and with promise of a long and useful career before him. Mr. Coriell is a republican in politics, and he and his family are members of the Church of Christ. On December 25, 1910, he married Ruby Barrett, daughter of George Barrett. They have two children: Lulu, born October 9, 1911; and Estel, born January 9, 1914.

William S. Eakman, M. D. Lawrence County claims as one of its able and popular physicians and surgeons and representative citizens Doctor Eakman, who is engaged in the practice of his profession in the City of Ironton, his prestige being the result of long and faithful service in his exacting vocation, of which he is a prominent representative in Lawrence County, besides which interest attaches to his career by reason of his being a native son of the Buckeye State and a scion of families founded within the borders of this commonwealth many years ago.

Doctor Eakman was born on the old homestead farm of his father, in Walnut Township, Gallia County, Ohio, on the 14th of March, 1853, the place of his birth having been not far distant from the Village of Waterloo, in the adjoining county of Lawrence. The doctor is a son of Seth and Sarah J. (McPeck) Eakman, the former of whom died in 1855 and the latter in 1868, so that the doctor was doubly orphaned when he was a lad of but fifteen years. Seth Eakman came to Gallia County from Zanesville, Muskingum County, and he obtained a tract of land and initiated the development and cultivation of the farm which

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continued to be his home until his death, his lineage having been traced back to sterling Scotch-Irish stock. Mrs. Sarah J. Eakman was born near Zanesville, this state, in 1813, a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of that section of Ohio, and she passed the closing years of her life in Gallia County, having survived her husband by more than a decade. They became the parents of eight children, whose names are here entered in respective order of birth: David, Hiram, Susan J., Joseph, Uriah, Cyrus, William S. and Elizabeth.

Doctor Eakman attended the public schools of Gallia County until he was about sixteen years of age, and he continued to reside on the old homestead farm with his mother until her death, after which he found a home with his brother Hiram until 1872. He attended the village school of Waterloo, Lawrence County, for one year and for six months was a student in a select school in that village. That he made good use of his educational advantages is shown by the fact that for the ensuing five years he was a successful and popular teacher, principally in the district schools in this section of the state.

In preparation for the work of his chosen profession Doctor Eakman entered Miami Medical College, in the City of Cincinnati, and in this excellent institution he was graduated on the 11th of March, 1881, with the well earned degree of Doctor of Medicine. His initial service in the practice of his profession was at Pedro, Lawrence County, where he remained six years and built up a substantial practice. In 1887 he removed to the City of Ironton, where he has long controlled a large and representative practice, of general order, his success having been specially notable in the treatment of those afflicted with typhoid fever. The doctor has continued a close student along professional lines and has thus kept in touch with the advances made in both medical and surgical science. He is actively identified with the Lawrence County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. The doctor served five years as city physician of Ironton and for an equal period as county physician, besides which he has given effective service as a member of the Board of United States Pension Examiners for Lawrence County. He is a Knight Templar Mason, besides being affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, his political allegiance is given to the democratic party and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fully a quarter of a century ago Doctor Eakman gave valuable service as a member of the Ironton Board of Education, and within recent years he has been again called to this important office, of which he is the incumbent at the present time.

Doctor Eakman is known and honored as one of the liberal and

progressive citizens of Ironton, where he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and president of the Star Building & Loan Association, which has done much to further the development and upbuilding of the city. He is the owner of three city lots and two houses in Ironton, including his own attractive residence, on Hepler Street, near the corner of Third Street. The doctor also has a well improved farm of seventy acres, in Fayette Township, Lawrence County.

On the 12th of March, 1882, was solemnized the marriage of Doctor Eakman to Miss Nannie S. Davis, daughter of William Davis, of Walton, Cass County, Indiana. No children have been born of this union.

Cary A. Walden. A native son of Scioto County, Mr. Walden has here found ample opportunity for successful endeavor along normal lines of enterprise, and is now a prosperous and progressive merchant of Sciotoville, the while there is definite voucher for his secure hold upon the confidence and esteem of the local public in the fact that he is serving as township clerk of Porter Township.

Mr. Walden was born on the homestead farm of his parents, in Harrison Township, this county, and the date of his nativity was August 18, 1873. He is a son of Charles H. and Harriet (Colgrove) Walden, the former of whom is still a resident of Porter Township, and the latter of whom is deceased. He whose name introduces this review acquired his early education in the public schools of his native county and as a mere boy he began to learn the lesson of personal responsibility and practical application. He has been a resident of Sciotoville since 1884 and from a clerical position in a local mercantile establishment he has won advancement to the status of a representative business man and loyal and progressive citizen of his native county. He is conducting a well-appointed grocery store at Sciotoville and controls a substantial trade, based alike upon fair and effective service and upon his personal popularity in the community.

In politics Mr. Walden may be designated as a progressive republican, and he has been influential in public affairs of a local order. He served as township clerk of Porter Township from 1901 to 1911 and after a brief interregnum was again called to this office in 1913, his continued incumbency being virtually a matter that will be regulated by his own desires, for there is no lack of popular appreciation of his efficient services. Mr. Walden is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in their home village, he being a trustee and formerly assistant superintendent of its Sunday school.

In the year 1901 Mr. Walden wedded Miss Ella Ellesser, and they

have four children: Pauline, Ruth, Louis and Harriet, the eldest daughter being in first year of high school.

THEODORE Q. SHUMP. Prominently identified with the real-estate business in his native county, Mr. Shump has developed a large and important enterprise in this important field of business and is one of the representative citizens of the thriving little City of Sciotoville, Scioto County.

Mr. Shump was born on the fine old homestead farm near Harrison Mills, in Harrison Township, Scioto County, on the 13th of May, 1856, a date that indicates that the family name has been identified with the history of this county for more than half a century. Mr. Shump is a scion of staunch German lineage and is a son of John C. and Isabelle (Marting) Shump, both of whom were born and reared in the same district of the great Empire of Germany, where their marriage was solemnized. Soon after this important event in their lives the parents severed the ties that bound them to home and fatherland and set forth for America, where they felt assured of wider opportunities for the achieving of success and independence through personal endeavor. They passed the first eight years in the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and then came to Ohio and numbered themselves among the early settlers of Harrison Township, Scioto County, where they passed the residue of their long and earnest lives, which were filled with industry and kindly deeds so that at all times they held inviolable place in popular esteem. In immigrating with his young wife to the United States John C. Shump was not fortified by financial resources or fortuitous influences, but he had a splendid endowment of energy and ambition and by his industry and good management accumulated a substantial competency. In Harrison Township he developed a valuable farm of 220 acres and he was one of the most honored and influential citizens of that section of Scioto County at the time of his death, his devoted wife surviving him only several hours and they were both buried on the same day. Of the eight children five are living: William served four years as a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war and remained at the post of duty until the close of the great conflict, his home now being in Sciotoville, where he is living virtually retired; Henry, who resides on his farm, near Cincinnati, likewise was a soldier in the Civil war, in which he held the office of first lieutenant in an Ohio regiment; Lewis is a retired farmer and resides in the City of Portsmouth, the county seat of Scioto County; Mary is the wife of James Weeks, a farmer of Harrison Township, this county; and Theodore Q. is the youngest of the number.

Under the invigorating discipline of the home farm Theodore Q. Shump passed the days of his childhood and youth, and he duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools of the locality and period. He continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to his legal majority, when he engaged in the mercantile business in the City of Portsmouth, giving special attention to the retail grocery trade. Through his well ordered efforts in this field of enterprise he gained substantial success and after a period of ten years he made a radical change in his vocation by assuming a clerical position in the offices of the Clair Iron Works, of Portsmouth. He was thus engaged four years, at the expiration of which he established himself in the retail furniture business in the same city. He built up a substantial and prosperous business and at the end of twelve years sold the same under advantageous conditions, in 1906, the year that marked his removal to the attractive and progressive little City of Sciotoville, where he has since given his attention to the real-estate business, in the handling of both village and farm property. His wide and varied experience has made him especially alert and enterprising in all that he undertakes and he is one of the successful and representative exponents of the real-estate business in his native county, where his course has been so ordered as to give him unqualified popular confidence and esteem. Mr. Shump is the owner of a number of desirable lots in the Farney Addition to Sciotoville and he has also other important realty interests, including the building in which his office is maintained. His success represents the result of his own ability and efforts and he has well upheld the prestige of a name long honored in Scioto County.

On the 8th of June, 1882, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Shump to Miss Serena F. Farney, who was born and reared in Sciotoville, and they have two children—Winifred, who is the wife of William Bunette, of Sciotoville; and Florence, who is the wife of Dr. John W. Hutchins, of this place.

George Russ. · The radical change in the political administration of national affairs, incidental to the election of 1912, brought about in the spring of the year 1914 the induction of Mr. Russ into the office of postmaster of Sciotoville, Scioto County, his appointment to this position having been made on the 24th of April, 1914, and his handling of the affairs of the office having fully justified his preferment and also his firm entrenchment in popular confidence and good will of the people of the county in which he was born and reared.

Mr. Russ was born on a farm near Sciotoville, and is a son of Burk-

hardt and Philomena (Hurth) Russ, both of whom were born and reared in Germany, but the marriage of whom was solemnized after they came to the United States. The father became a substantial farmer and sterling citizen of Scioto County and here both he and his wife continued to reside until their death. Of their six children five are living—Joseph, Margaret, William, John and George.

The boyhood and youth of the present postmaster of Sciotoville were compassed by the benignant influences of the home farm and he made good use of the advantages afforded him in the public schools of his native county. Mr. Russ continued to be closely and effectively identified with the work and management of the old homestead farm until he had attained to the age of thirty-three years, and in 1910 he engaged in the livery business in Sciotoville, where he built up the prosperous enterprise which he still owns and conducts, with an excellent equipment and effective service. He gives a general supervision to his livery business since assuming the office of postmaster, his candidacy for this position having received a representative support on the part of the citizens of the village. As a citizen Mr. Russ is thoroughly loyal and public-spirited, but he is unostentatious in all things and has the sterling worth that begets objective good will and confidence. He is the owner of his livery stable property and interested in other real estate in his home village, where, it is needless to say, he is a stalwart in the camp of the democratic party. He is a communicant of the Catholic Church, in which he holds membership in a parish in the City of Portsmouth, there being no church of this denomination in Sciotoville.

At Niagara Falls, New York, on the 7th of September, 1910, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Russ to Miss Lena Geist, and they have three children—Phyllis, Marion and Gretchen.

Hon. J. W. Nixon. The chief executive of the thriving and prosperous City of Wellston, Hon. J. W. Nixon, since his election in the fall of 1911 has given the people of his community a business-like administration which has been featured and characterized by numerous municipal reforms and civic innovations. He had been a resident of Wellston since 1901, and had become well known to the people as an energetic and enterprising young man, firm and self-reliant in supporting what he believed to be the right. This was the kind of blood needed in the mayoralty chair, and his services during his administration have fully vindicated the trust and confidence reposed in him by his fellow-citizens.

Mayor Nixon was born September 19, 1878, in Athens County, Ohio, a son of Richard and Matilda (Daugherty) Nixon. There were three children in the family: William, Edith and John W., of whom the

last named is the only one now living. Mayor Nixon's father was a farmer and the youth was brought up in an agricultural atmosphere, securing his education in the district schools of Athens County. He had no desire for a career as a tiller of the soil, however, and perfected himself in a business course, so that October 1, 1901, he came to Wellston, Ohio, to accept a position as bookkeeper for the Wellston Steel and Iron Company. His rise, both in the business world and in the field of civic activity has been rapid, and few men enjoy in greater degree the respect and esteem of their fellowmen. Fraternally, Mayor Nixon is affiliated with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Royal Arcanum.

Mrs. Nixon was formerly Miss Ethel Leach, and is a daughter of John P. and Jane Leach, who have been residents of Jackson County for many years. Mayor and Mrs. Nixon have two children: Helen E., born October 8, 1907; and Winifred E., born August 9, 1909.

J. C. H. Cobb. One of the old and honored residents of Jackson County, who, at the age of eighty-two years, was carrying on the management of his extensive agricultural and coal mining interests with the clear mind and active step of a man of many years his junior, was John C. H. Cobb, of Wellston, who before and after the Civil war was engaged in various mining and other ventures in the Hanging Rock Iron Region.

Mr. Cobb was a native of the Buckeye State, born January 26, 1830, a son of Nathan and Lucy (Haskell) Cobb. He was reared on the home farm and received his early education in the public school, following which he enrolled as a student at the Ohio State University. Being duly graduated therefrom, he entered upon his career as a farmer and mine operator, and in 1859 founded a family of his own when he was married to Miss Lucy J. Bundy, daughter of Hon. H. S. Bundy.

Three years later, in 1862, Mr. Cobb joined the Union Army in the defense of his country, becoming a member of Company C, One Hundred and Sixteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which company he was subsequently elected lieutenant. During his term of service, he was three times captured by the enemy, as was also his wife, but on each occasion both managed to escape. After a brave, capable and faithful service, Mr. Cobb received his honorable discharge at Richmond, Virginia, in July, 1865.

His military career completed, Mr. Cobb returned to his home and resumed his activities which had been interrupted by the demands of war. For many years he was associated as a partner with Hon. H. S. Bundy in various business enterprises, particularly in the operation of

the Latrobe Furnace. He was also importantly interested in various other furnaces in Jackson County, and was carrying on agricultural pursuits in this county and operated the Meadow Run Coal Mine, with his headquarters at Wellston for many years. Mr. Cobb did much toward building up this thriving Jackson County city and was a leading factor in some of the most beneficial movements the city has known. He was a Master Mason, and a member of Orphans' Friend Lodge No. 275, Free and Accepted Masons, at Wilkesville, Ohio, but later transferred his membership to Wellston, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Cobb were the parents of eight children: L. Jennie, Caroline M., Edward H., Lena C., Nellie B. and Howard B., all of whom survive; Minnie, who died in November, 1864; and John, who died in March, 1875.

Mr. Cobb was a strong temperance worker and devoted time and money to that cause, and was always public spirited in all movements tending to the advancement of his county's interest and welfare. Mr. Cobb died July 14, 1915, at his old home in Wellston, his wife having passed away on January 14, 1908.

Joseph Henry Browne. To those activities which constitute a special claim of this region of Ohio to the name Hanging Rock Iron Region, probably no one group of men has contributed more than that comprising Joseph Henry Browne of Wellston and his forebears and relatives. Some of the most important iron and coal interests in this locality are under the control and management of Mr. Browne.

A native of the Hanging Rock Iron Region he was born at Ironton, Ohio, June 23, 1875. His father is Henry Richardson Browne, who was born May 3, 1845, at Birmingham, Pennsylvania, but when quite young moved with the family to Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

Henry R. Browne was the son of Joseph R. and Margaret (Richardson) Browne. Joseph R. Browne was born October 24, 1814, at Ballymagawn, County Derry, Ireland. In 1838 he was initiated into the Masonic Order. In 1841 he came to America, settling at Pittsburg and becoming interested in the iron industry. He was interested in military affairs, and was mustered in as lieutenant colonel of the Fourteenth Kentucky Infantry in 1861, at the time the regiment was organized. His death occurred May 9, 1862. His wife, Margaret Richardson, was born November 20, 1815, at Magherafelt, County Derry, Ireland, and died July 26, 1848. Both she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian Church.

At Catlettsburg, Kentucky, Henry Richardson Browne entered school and was still in the midst of his education when the Civil war

broke out. At the age of sixteen he entered the army, joining Company F of the Tenth Kentucky Cavalry, but subsequently joined the infantry and was commissioned captain of Company A, Thirty-ninth Kentucky Infantry, at the age of nineteen. He was mustered out after the close of the war September 15, 1865.

Then locating at Ironton, Ohio, he was subsequently for almost half a century closely identified with the industrial and civic affairs of this community. He became associated with various furnace interests and retained those interests in the Hanging Rock Iron Region for many years. For three terms, altogether nine years, he served as county auditor of Lawrence County. On leaving that office he became associated with The Bird Iron Company, and later as receiver for the company wound up its affairs. He finally retired from business in 1914. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and a republican. On July 26, 1869, he married Isabelle Peters.

The Peters family has likewise had a long and honorable record in Southern Ohio. Isabelle Peters, who was the oldest daughter of Isaac and Adaline (Duduit) Peters, was born March 5, 1847, in the French Grant of Scioto County, Ohio. She spent her earlier school years at Ironton, attending the public schools there, and finished her education in the Ohio Wesleyan College at Delaware. She is an active member of the Congregational Church. Her father, Isaac Peters, who was also interested in the iron business, was born in the French Grant of Scioto County, Ohio, October 23, 1824. His wife, Adaline Duduit, came from Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

It was in Ironton that Joseph Henry Browne spent the years of his early youth and gained his education in the public schools. At the age of seventeen he left school and his first regular employment was as clerk in the Ironton Hotel. Less than a year later he became associated with the Eagle Iron & Steel Company as bookkeeper, and remained with that corporation until March, 1898. At that date he identified himself with Wellston, representing the interests which Col. H. A. Marting at that time had in the furnaces at this place. A little later Colonel Marting sold his interests in the furnaces to Joseph C. Clutts and Henry S. Willard and Mr. Browne was continued as auditor of the reorganized company until 1905. In that year he engaged in the contracting and supply business for himself, and took a number of contracts for paving streets and constructing sewers at Xenia and Wellston, Ohio. This was his primary business for four years, at the end of which time he sold his interests in the contracting company and became associated with the Spring Valley Iron Company in the mining and shipping of Lake Superior Iron Ore. He took the position of secretary-treasurer in this

organization. At the same time he formed and incorporated the Browne Coal Company of which he became secretary-treasurer and general manager. His extensive business interests now include the Spring Valley Iron Company, the Browne Coal Company, and the furniture store conducted by Hotchkiss Company, and he is a director in both the former organizations.

When the City of Wellston changed its form of city government in 1902, creating a new post of city auditor, Mr. Browne was offered the office, and as it was a position which he could administer competently in connection with his other interests, he accepted, and designed and put in force the various forms of accounting employed by the local city government. In 1908 he resigned this municipal office. Such had been his record that the state auditor's office requested him to become associated with that department, but on account of his extensive local business affairs he was unable to accept the honor.

Mr. Browne is an active republican. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, being a member of the Blue Lodge and Commandery at Ironton, the Syrian Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cincinnati, of the Royal Arch Chapter at Wellston, having withdrawn from the chapter at Ironton in order to become one of the charter members of the Wellston Chapter. He also belongs to the Wellston Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he was one of the charter members. His membership also includes the Masonic Club and the Elks Club. His church is the Presbyterian.

On June 18, 1902, at Wellston Mr. Browne married Susan McGhee, daughter of James M. and Susan (Phillips) McGhee.

Her great-grandfather, John McGhee, came from old Virginia and was among the first settlers of Ohio. His oldest son, William McGhee, started in business as a merchant, but in 1854 he and three others built the Latrobe Furnace in Jackson County. He sold his interest in this furnace in 1861, and bought the Iron Valley Furnace in the same county, changing the name from Iron Valley to Lincoln. He continued to operate this furnace until his death in 1871. During the Civil war the Iron Valley or Lincoln Furnace made a special grade of charcoal pig iron for Charles Kapp & Company of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for use in making cannons. James M. McGhee, the oldest son of William McGhee, after completing his education became assistant to his father in the management of the Lincoln Furnace, and after the older McGhee's death continued its operation until 1884, when the furnace was abandoned and wrecked.

Mrs. Browne's maternal great-grandfather was Thomas Phillips, who came to Ohio from Maryland, and was also a pioneer. His son,

Henry Phillips, was born in Maryland, and became interested in the old Iron Valley Furnace in Jackson County and the Cincinnati Furnace in Vinton County. In the early history of Jackson County Mr. Phillips dealt extensively in cattle, raising and buying large herds, and driving them through to Pittsburg and Baltimore in the absence of any better means of transportation, since there were no railroads at the time.

Elijah T. Dando, M. D. Among the professional men of Jackson County one who has already acquired a large degree of success and a substantial reputation as a physician and surgeon is Doctor Dando, of Wellston. Doctor Dando has spent most of his life in Jackson County, and largely through his own efforts has raised himself to a position among the professional men of the county.

Born in the County of Durham, England, August 7, 1876, he was ten years of age when he came to the United States with his parents, who located in the vicinity of Coalton, Jackson County, Ohio. His parents were born and reared in England and his father was a coal miner. Doctor Dando had restricted opportunities as a boy, and out of the energies of his own mind and ambition created his present successful career. He completed his literary education in the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, and then for three years taught school in Jackson County before securing the means necessary for his medical education. Doctor Dando is a graduate of one of the oldest and best known medical schools in America, the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. Since getting his diploma as a doctor of medicine he has practiced in Jackson County, where he is one of the most popular and best esteemed citizens. At the present time Doctor Dando gives much of his attention to the postoffice at Wellston, having been appointed postmaster July 5, 1914, by President Wilson.

On Christmas Day of 1905, he married Miss Oma Handley, of Wellston. Her parents were A. M. and Flora (Oney) Handley. Doctor Dando and wife have four children: Joseph, Betty, Catherine and George.

Albert E. Jacobs. While Mr. Jacobs first became known to the community of Wellston as an educator, he has now for more than twenty years successfully practiced law in that city, and his record as an attorney and citizen gives him a position of unusual prominence not only in Jackson but in the other counties of the Hanging Rock Iron Region.

Born in Gallia County, Ohio, February 13, 1868, Albert E. Jacobs is a son of Joseph F. and Elizabeth (Turner) Jacobs. His father was

born also in Gallia County, and the mother was the daughter of Samuel J. Turner. Mr. Albert E. Jacobs gained, partly through his own efforts, a liberal education. He attended the Rio Grande College at Gallia and the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, and for a number of years engaged in teaching. He came to Wellston to become principal of the public schools, and filled that office four years. In the meantime he took up the study of law, and on October 5, 1892, was admitted to the bar, and since that date has been in continuous practice at Wellston. From 1898 to 1904 Mr. Jacobs served as prosecuting attorney of Jackson County. His was a fearless and vigorous administration, and added not a little to his prestige as a lawyer and sterling citizen.

On October 30, 1889, Mr. Jacobs married Anna Morgan, daughter of John and Margaret (Thomas) Morgan. The other children in the Morgan family were Clara, Thomas E. and Charles L. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have had four children. Elizabeth, who was born October 6, 1890, died February 22, 1893. Joseph M., born January 26, 1892, graduated from Oberlin College, and is now principal of the high school at Elk Point in South Dakota. Albert E., Jr., born February 18, 1899, died March 3, 1899. Edwin Burk, the youngest, was born July 10, 1903.

Joshua E. Ferree. Jackson County has profited by the stable citizenship and faithful industry of the Ferree family since 1860, and one who has represented the name with honor in agriculture, business and public life is Joshua E. Ferree, who is now living retired at his home at Wellston. During his career Mr. Ferree has had more than ordinary obstacles to overcome, but each difficulty has been met courageously, and now, in the evening of life, he may fully enjoy the fruits of his labors, knowing them to be honorably gained and well merited.

Mr. Ferree was born in Ross County, Ohio, May 31, 1830, and is a son of John and Margaret (Inglish) Ferree, natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers of Ross County, Ohio, where they passed their lives in agricultural pursuits. They were the parents of the following children: James; John, who died in young manhood; Joshua E.; William; Rachel E.; Mary J.; Francis; Elizabeth; Olivia, who married Richard Talbot and now lives at Chillicothe, Ohio; Lucy; and Julia. Joshua E. Ferree received his education in the public schools and grew up amid pioneer surroundings, his earliest experiences being connected with the clearing of the home farm from the heavy virgin timber. He was but twelve years of age when he put aside his school books and began to give his whole time to the work of the homestead, and continued as his father's assistant until he was eighteen. At that time he began to learn the trade of plasterer, a vocation which he subsequently followed

for six years, when he met with a serious accident which crippled him so that he was unable to continue at his trade. Nothing daunted, he looked around for another occupation in which he might engage, but found himself handicapped by lack of an education and in order to remedy this condition attended school for a time and learned bookkeeping. This he followed until 1860, when he was elected clerk of the courts of Jackson County, and continued in that office for six years, then returning to his work as a bookkeeper. In August, 1873, he came to Wellston and established himself in the furnace business in a small way, and this he developed into important proportions. In 1889 Mr. Ferree disposed of his property, the Milton Furnace, to F. E. Hinkley, of Chicago, and went to work for the Superior Coal Company, a concern with which he was connected for seventeen years and ten months, and since that time has lived retired. He is one of his community's well known and highly respected citizens, a man who has always contributed his full share of effort toward the upbuilding of the city and has shown an interest in the advancement of its institutions.

Mr. Ferree was married to Miss Eliza Dungan, who was born August 16, 1832, in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio in 1844 with her parents, Levi and Margaret Dungan, who had eight other children. To Mr. and Mrs. Ferree there have been born two children: Elmer E., born July 1, 1861, married Ada Persch, and lives at Buffalo, Ohio; and Alvah A., born March 4, 1866, married Alice Hoop, and lives at Wellston.

Thomas W. Doty. A capable and thoroughly experienced railroad man, Thomas W. Doty is an engineer on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, with home at Franklin Furnace, Ohio. He represents a family which has long been identified with the iron industry in Southern Ohio, and his father was manager of the old Ohio Furnace, in Scioto County, and met his death as the result of an accident while engaged in the performance of his duties.

Thomas W. Doty was born May 30, 1885, at Ohio Furnace in Greene Township of Scioto County, and is the youngest of the living children of Thomas W. and Julia (Shepard) Doty. His mother was a daughter of former Sheriff Lewis Shepard of Lawrence County, Ohio. Thomas W. Doty, Jr., grew up in Scioto County, attended the common schools, and his first regular employment was with the Ohio Furnace Company. After 1½ years with that company in Greene Township, they sent him to Hanging Rock, and he later went into the railroad service, for a short time working in the roundhouse of the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railroad. He then became fireman for the Chesapeake & Ohio,

and held that position from 1905 till 1908. After an examination he was promoted to the post of locomotive engineer, and has since had an important run on the Huntington, West Virginia, division.

Mr. Doty was married in 1912 to May Goings. Their only child is deceased. Mr. Doty is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and in politics is a republican.

William Egbert. For more than half a century the Egbert family have been identified with Scioto County and always with the activities of farming and country life. William Egbert was born and has spent practically all his life in this county, has witnessed its many changes since his boyhood and has borne his individual share of the labors and responsibilities of community growth.

William Egbert was born in Valley Township of Scioto County, May 20, 1850, a son of Daniel and Louise (Appel) Egbert. Both parents were natives of Germany, but came to the United States before their marriage. The father located at Center Furnace in Scioto County, was employed there for several years, married, and about 1858 moved to Valley Township, where he bought 126 acres of land. That farm has long been known as Miller's Run Farm. Daniel Egbert and wife became the parents of eight children, three of whom are living: William, Daniel, and Louise, wife of John M. Johnson of Columbus, Ohio.

William Egbert grew up in Scioto County, had a farm training, supplemented by his education in the country schools, and since early manhood has followed quietly but successfully the routine of farm life. He owns a good estate, has improved it according to the modern standards, and is successful. Mr. Egbert is one of the trustees and superintendent of the Miller's Run Road, which passes his farm.

Mr. Egbert first married Mary S. Raymer. Their four children are: John, William, Dora and Lucy. After the death of his first wife Mr. Egbert married Caroline Winkler of Portsmouth, Ohio. Their living children are: Fred, Frank, Kate, Mamie and Daniel. The family are members of the Lutheran Church and in politics Mr. Egbert is a democrat.

Louis J. Snyder. With an establishment of the most approved appointments and service, Mr. Snyder is engaged in the undertaking business in the Village of Wheelersburg, Scioto County, and is known as one of the progressive and popular citizens of his native county, as well as a young man of ambition and sterling worth of character.

In the City of Portsmouth, judicial center of Scioto County, Mr. Snyder was born on the 19th of January, 1881, and is a son of Charles

and Caroline (Wabert) Snyder, the former of whom died in 1885 and the latter of whom still maintains her home at Portsmouth. Of the three children the eldest is Clara, who is the wife of Albert Patten, of Portsmouth; Charles is now a resident of the State of New York; and Louis J., of this review, is the youngest, he having been a child of four years at the time of his father's death.

Reared to adult age in his native city, Mr. Snyder was there afforded the advantages of the public schools, and as a youth he found employment in a mercantile establishment and later in a shoe factory in Portsmouth. Later he was employed in Wheelersburg, where he finally engaged in the undertaking business, besides which he handles wall paper, paints and other supplies, for the accommodation of which he has made ample provision in his place of business. To fortify himself fully for his service as an undertaker and funeral director he completed the prescribed course and was graduated in the Cincinnati Embalming College, besides which he was for some time identified with the undertaking business in Columbus, the capital city of the state. He has achieved success through his own efforts and has so ordered his course as to merit and receive the high regard of those with whom he has come in contact in the various relations of life.

In politics Mr. Snyder is aligned as a loyal supporter of the cause of the republican party, but he has not as yet shown any aspiration for public office of any kind. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in their home village.

In the year 1913 Mr. Snyder wedded Miss Ola Finney, and they had a daughter, Alice C., who departed this life April 23, 1915.

Mrs. Eliza D. Brushart. Residing on her attractive and well improved homestead farm, situated in Valley Township, Scioto County, at a point one mile east of Lucasville, Mrs. Brushart has shown marked executive ability in the managing of her dairy farm since the death of her husband, the late Peter Brushart, who was a representative business man and progressive citizen of Scioto County at the time of his death, which occurred July 26, 1897.

Mrs. Brushart was born at Stockdale, Pike County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Clutts) Anderson, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Ohio. The parents resided for a number of years in Pike County, this state, and later in Martin County, Indiana, and the major part of the active career of the father was one of close identification with agricultural pursuits. Mr. Anderson's death occurred in 1889 and his widow now resides in Franklin County. Of the five children all are living except one,—Eliza D. is the

immediate subject of this review; Jeremiah, Floyd and Irving all reside in Franklin County, Ohio.

Mrs. Brushart acquired a good common-school education at Stockdale, her native place, and on the 6th of May, 1883, was solemnized her marriage to Peter Brushart, who was born and reared in Jackson County, Ohio, and who became a business man of distinctive enterprise and progressiveness. For some time he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Portsmouth, the judicial center of Scioto County and metropolis of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and later he gave his attention to the wholesale and retail lumber business, in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. His success was distinctive and among his acquisitions was the fine farm on which his widow now resides. Mr. Brushart was a democrat in politics and was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The homestead farm is now devoted specially to the dairy business, which is carried forward with the best of modern facilities and with scrupulous regard for sanitary conditions. Mr. and Mrs. Brushart became the parents of four children: Bertha is the wife of Harry Moore and they reside in the City of Chicago; Dea is the wife of Frank Wick and they maintain their home in the State of California; Floyd remains with his widowed mother and has practical charge of the home farm; and Henry was killed in an automobile accident near Portsmouth, November 20, 1915. Mrs. Brushart has a wide circle of friends in Scioto County and her pleasant home is known as a place of generous and unostentatious hospitality.

J. F. B. Schleinhege. One mile east of Lucasville, Scioto County, in Jefferson Township, is situated the fine homestead farm of the sterling citizen whose name initiates this paragraph and whose success and independent status stand as the direct result of his own industry, integrity of purpose and careful management. Thrift and prosperity are shown in the fine condition of his farm, upon which he has made excellent improvements, and he is known and honored as one of the progressive and substantial agriculturists and stock-growers of Scioto County, his farm comprising 120 acres of fertile and highly productive land.

Mr. Schleinhege was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, on the 23d of December, 1835, and is a son of Barnhardt and Adolfena (Hermler) Schleinhege, who passed their entire lives in the German Fatherland. Under the unfortunate conditions of warfare that now prevail in Europe it is specially interesting to the subject of this review to recall that in his youth he traveled extensively over the European

continent, including France, Holland and also the British Isles. He was afforded the advantages of Hanover College, in the City of Meppen, in which institution he was graduated, and, like many of the inhabitants of his native province he became proficient in the use of both the high and low German. Soon after the close of the Civil war Mr. Schleinhege arrived in the United States and after landing in the City of New York he made his way forthwith to the City of Cincinnati, Ohio. Thence he went to Milford, in the same county, where he found employment in a brewery. Later he assumed a clerical position in the wholesale dry-goods house of T. L. McDonald, in Cincinnati. Finally he established his residence at Portsmouth, the judicial center of Scioto County, where he was employed in the distillery of George Davis, holding the position of weighing clerk and receiving a salary of $75 a month. With this concern he continued two years, and after his marriage he removed to Ashland, whence within a short time he removed to Ironton, Lawrence County, where he found employment in an iron furnace. Later he was manager of a livery business in that city, for two years, and for some time he was associated with the work and management of the farms of Charles Pixley, in Lawrence and Scioto counties. He finally returned to Portsmouth, to afford his children better educational advantages and there he conducted a retail mercantile establishment of his own for a period of about three years. He then purchased the Spriggs farm, in Jefferson Township, and on this place he has continued to reside during the intervening years, within which he had developed the place into one of the model farms of Scioto County. Though never having any desire to enter the arena of practical politics, Mr. Schleinhege has been a loyal and liberal citizen and has given unremitting allegiance to the republican party, both he and his wife being devout communicants of the Catholic Church.

At Portsmouth, while he was still a young man, Mr. Schleinhege wedded Miss Elizabeth Classing, who has been a true companion and helpmeet and a devoted mother. They have three sons and three daughters: Anna is the wife of John Shay, of Lucasville, Scioto County; Charles is identified with business interests in the City of Portsmouth; Frances is the wife of George Hill, of Rushtown, Scioto County; Frank married Lillian Henderson, of Portsmouth; and Emma and Glenn remain at the parental home.

William Bennett. Scioto County is noted for its fine farmsteads, many of which have been under cultivation since pioneer days. In Madison Township, about sixteen miles northeast of Portsmouth, is located one of the most attractive and valuable, the home place of Wil-

liam Bennett and known far and wide as the Fairview Dairy Farm. Its chief industry is the raising of staple crops and dairying, a fine herd of milch cows being kept, which are the principal revenue producer. The farm comprises 130 acres, and with its improvements represents a value many times as great as when the original settler first acquired it from the Government.

William Bennett was born on this farm, and it has been in the possession of the Bennett family for three generations. It was his grandfather, Robert Bennett who came from old Virginia and entered 320 acres from the Government, a portion of which is now the farm of William Bennett. Robert Bennett on first coming to Southern Ohio located on the Scioto River, but on account of the ague and other conditions left that locality and moved to Madison Township. Here he lived and died, after performing a large amount of improvement work on his land.

William Bennett was born on the old homestead August 2, 1865, a son of William and Mary (Rarick) Bennett. His father was born in Madison Township on the 320 acres acquired by his father, and spent his career there as a prosperous farmer. There were two sons, and Oscar Bennett is now a resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. William Bennett grew up in the country district where he now lives and where all his early boyhood and manhood associations are centered. His school attendance was confined to the winter months, and during the open seasons of the year he worked steadily on the farm. On December 23, 1885, Mr. Bennett married Eunice H. Allen, who was born in Madison Township. They have one daughter, Mabel, now attending the common schools. The family are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Bennett is master of his Grange, and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Harrisonville.

While Mr. Bennett has been an extremely busy man, and has made a success of his individual enterprises, he has not neglected the community welfare, and has taken an important part in the work of his home township and the county. In politics he is a democrat. Mr. Bennett served seven years as trustee of Madison Township, and was also for a term superintendent of the township roads. His administration in that office is especially well remembered, since by his energy and influence he caused the roads to be thoroughly cared for, and all citizens were made to contribute their appropriate share either in labor or money to the improvement of the highways. In 1910 Mr. Bennett was honored by the office of county commissioner, and is now serving his second term in that important office and his party has seen fit to reward his efficiency by nomination for a third term. Mr. Bennett is also one of the directors of the Scioto County Fair Association.

Rev. A. K. Murphy. Thirty-three years of faithful and devoted service in the ministry of the Baptist Church is the record of Rev. A. K. Murphy, one of the widely known and best beloved ministers of Scioto County. Now in his sixty-seventh year, with faculties unimpaired, he continues to take an active interest and occasional participation in religious labors, although he lives in partial retirement on his handsome and well-cultivated property, a tract of 585 acres, situated in Rush Township, three miles southwest of Lucasville, which is appropriately known as Maple Grove Farm.

Reverend Murphy was born at Sandy Springs, Adams County, Ohio, October 2, 1849, and is a son of R. S. and Rachel (Kelly) Murphy, natives of Ohio who are now both deceased. There were eight children in the family, of whom five are living at the present time: Mary, who is the widow of William Burwell, of Troy, Ohio; Emma, who is the wife of John McCall, of Waverly, Kansas; John R., of Paola, Kansas; Lucy, who is the wife of W. A. Gibbins, of Buena Vista, Ohio; and Rev. A. K., of this notice.

Rev. A. K. Murphy was reared on the home farm, and obtained his education in the public schools, and Denison University at Granville, Ohio. He was a studious youth, preferring his books and studies to other forms of recreation, and finally decided to enter the ministry, for which he was prepared at Denison University, Granville, Ohio. When he was ordained as a minister he began preaching in Ohio, and for thirty-five years thereafter preached in various parts of Ohio. Reverend Murphy may well be counted among those who fortunately have chosen the life vocation for which they are best fitted. The natural and temperamental endowments which in him contribute to a strongly marked character easily lend themselves to the facile and successful accomplishment of the many-sided duties inevitable to the life of an active minister of the Baptist Church. His life has ever been so active as to worthily win for him a conspicuous place in the ranks of the church, and large is the number of those in Ohio who affectionately appreciate his ministrations, assistance and advice.

Reverend Murphy was married March 27, 1883, to Miss Fannie Kirkendall, who was born at Ashley, Illinois, December 28, 1862, and educated in the district schools of Rush Township. Of the four children born to this union, three are now living: Sadie, who is the wife of Prof. Bruce Drummond, of Indio, California; Charles, who is single and is assisting his father in the work of the homestead farm; and Louise, who is the wife of Clyde Virgin, of Rush Township, a farmer. Hered, the fourth child, died at the age of eight years. Reverend Murphy belongs to the Masonic Lodge at Lucasville, Ohio, and is connected with

the Knights Templar of that fraternity at Portsmouth. He is a supporter of republican principles and candidates, but has taken no very active part in political affairs.

GEORGE H. HILL. A member of the Scioto County Board of Commissioners, George H. Hill has had considerable experience in official affairs in his home township of Rush, and is a man whose activities and influence are such as to entitle him to the highest respect. He has been a successful farmer, and has one of the excellent country places in his township.

George H. Hill was born in Valley Township of Scioto County, September 8, 1861, and the family has long been resident in this section of Ohio. His grandfather Nathaniel Hill is thought to have been a native of Pennsylvania, and was an early settler in Pike County, and lived to advanced age. Abraham J. Hill, father of the county commissioner, was born November 12, 1830, grew up on a farm and when quite young took up his residence in Valley Township, where his career passed quietly for some years in farming. In March, 1865, he enlisted for service in the Union army, in Company A of the Hundred Ninety-fourth Ohio Infantry, and his service continued until his honorable discharge after the end of the war. Valley Township then continued the scene of his agricultural activities until 1875, at which time he removed to Rush Township and for several years rented the Tremper farm and continued to live in the township until his death on August 12, 1910. Abraham J. Hill married Mary Ellen Longworth, who was born in Valley Township March 15, 1841, the daughter of a farmer in that section. Her mother's name was Susan Cockrell. Mrs. Hill died September 13, 1909. The ten children were named Susan J., George H., John M., Charles W., James E., who died at the age of sixteen, Sarah L., Lydia, Elmer, Albert and Edwin.

George H. Hill, whose early education was acquired by attending the rural schools of Valley and Rush townships, had his apprenticeship training on his father's farm, and began his independent career with little more than willing hands and a firm determination to succeed. After his marriage he bought the farm he now owns and occupies on Pond Creek in Rush Township, and his prosperity has come through general farming and stock raising.

In 1884 Mr. Hill married Pauline Delhotal, who was born in Rush Township, while her father, Alexander Delhotal, was a native of France and after coming to America bought a farm in Rush Township on which he lived out the rest of his life. Mrs. Hill died December 29, 1908.

In 1912 Mr. Hill married Miss Frances Schleinhege. She was born at Ironton in Lawrence County. Her father, Frank Schleinhege, was a native of the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, and his parents lived their lives there. Two of his sisters named Annie and Alphena also came to America. Mrs. Hill's father was a bookkeeper in Germany, a man of excellent education and business training, and when twenty-seven years old he came to this country and after a residence of some time at Ironton moved to a farm at Lucasville, where he now resides. His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Classing, who was born in Cincinnati, of German parents. Mrs. Hill was one of six children, Annie, Charles, Frances, Frank, Emma and Glen. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have a son, Gilbert.

Politically his activities have all been with the republican party, his first vote having been given to James G. Blaine. He has served as a director of his home school, also on the township board of education, and for several years was a member of the township board of trustees. Fraternally his affiliations are with Aurora Lodge No. 48, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, with Portsmouth Court No. 109, Tribe of Ben Hur, and with the Order of Owls.

William Tatman. It is one of the old and prominent families of Scioto County that William Tatman is a representative. Mr. Tatman has spent his active career as a farmer, has an attractive and valuable homestead in Union Township, and his name stands for the best things in the community life of that locality.

Born at Friendship in Nile Township of Scioto County, February 16, 1864, William Tatman is a son of Peter Tatman who was born at Moscow in Clermont County, Ohio, October 12, 1836. The paternal grandparents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Fisher) Tatman. Elizabeth Fisher was a cousin of Hon. David Fisher, who early in the nineteenth century represented the old Sixth Ohio District in Congress and was a member of the House of Representatives when former President John Quincy Adams was stricken and assisted in removing this great statesman from the main chamber of the House. Peter Tatman, father of William, was reared and educated in Clermont County, grew up on a farm, but early in life took up boating on the Ohio River. For a number of years his principal business was transporting tanbark to the southern markets. This was his chief occupation for eighteen years, and after retiring from the river he bought a farm on Brush Creek in Union Township of Scioto County, and was identified with agriculture and with lumbering for a number of years, and died in that locality January 17, 1901. He married Ruhama Holt, who was born on Upper

Turkey Creek in Nile Township, a daughter of John and Sallie (Lewis) Holt. Mrs. Tatman was the youngest in a family of fifteen children, nine of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. Her brother Andrew J. is remembered as having been the strongest and most athletic man in the community. Mrs. Tatman now lives with her daughter, Mrs. Saddler. The children of Peter Tatman and wife who reached maturity were Joseph; John; Rosetta, who married Henry C. Payne; William; Lucius; Dora, who married Alexander Saddler; Sarah, who married William Bear; Clara, who married E. B. Oakes; Maud, who married Oscar Foster; and Ruhama.

As a boy William Tatman attended the rural schools in the neighborhood of his father's farm, and at the same time developed a vigorous constitution by regular work at home. His career has always been identified with agriculture and since succeeding to the ownership of the old homestead he has made an unusual success in general farming and stock raising. His farm is perhaps the equal of any rural place in Union Township, has excellent buildings and other improvements and its operations are carried on with an efficiency which betokens the highest standards of agricultural enterprise.

At the age of twenty-five Mr. Tatman married Blanche Wamsley. She was born in Brush Creek Township of Scioto County, daughter of Reverend Foster and Amanda (Liston) Foster. Her death occurred in 1891. Mr. Tatman married for his present wife Jennie Mershon, a daughter of David and Jennie (Potts) Mershon. Mr. and Mrs. Tatman have two children, Peter and May. While the parents are members of the Christian Church, the two children belong to McDermot Methodist Episcopal Church.

Frank Minford. The home of this Scioto County citizen is at Harrisonville, where for half a century or more the name has been associated with that very useful and honorable vocation of blacksmithing. The business has been conducted by father and son, and Frank Minford has continued with modern improvements a shop which in early years was the common resort of hundreds of farmers for all kinds of iron work and machine repairing.

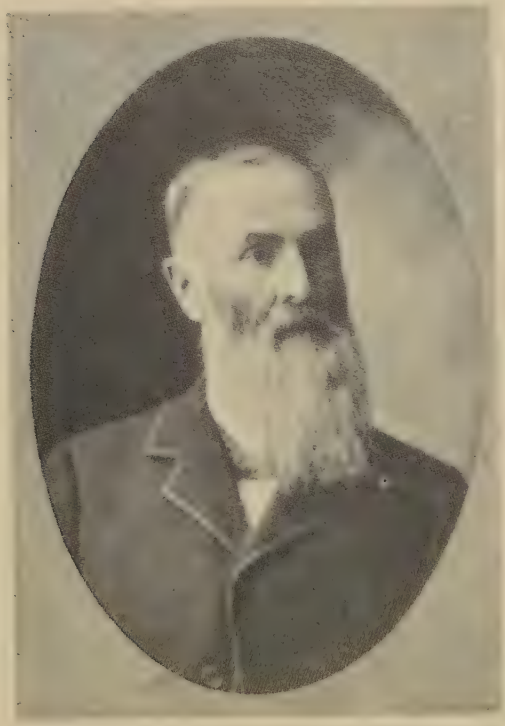
Frank Minford was born at Harrisonville, May 9, 1866. His father, the late William J. Minford, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, in January, 1829, a son of John and Mary (Awl) Minford. The members of the family to come to America were himself, his brother Robert and sister Agnes. William was at that time seventeen years old, and the sailing vessel after a long voyage landed them at New York, whence they came on at once to Ohio. At Portsmouth he

served an apprenticeship under J. L. Ward, one of the pioneer blacksmiths of that city. In 1853, about a year after his marriage, he went out to the new State of Iowa, but after three years returned to Ohio and established his shop in Harrisonville. The only important interruption to his industrious career after that was his service as a soldier. In 1863 he enlisted in Company F of the First Ohio Heavy Artillery, which was in the Army of the Cumberland under the command of General Thomas. From the time of his enlistment until his honorable discharge, he continued with the regiment in all its campaigns and battles, and proved as efficient a soldier as at his trade. For many years he performed a useful service to his community in and about Harrisonville, and lived retired for several years before his death in April, 1908, when in his eightieth year. In 1852 he married Mary Ann Maps, who was a daughter of Thomas and Mary Maps, and a great-grandaughter of Generl Schuyler, of revolutionary fame. The children of their marriage were: Mary J., who married Daniel Carroll; Agnes, who married Robert Dodge; Ella, wife of George Milam; Sarah, who married William Bennett; Frank; and Carrie, the wife of William Osmeyer. Though reared a Presbyterian, the father joined with his wife in worship at the Methodist Church of Harrisonville.

With his youth spent in Harrisonville, where he attended the public schools, Frank Minford learned his trade under the eye of his father, and for a number of years has been owner of the business and has made it a source of substantial prosperity. Mr. Minford is affiliated with Ives Lodge No. 472, Knights of Pythias, and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

On October 20, 1887, Mr. Minford married for his first wife Lizzie Munn. She was born in Jefferson Township, a daughter of Ira Munn, and died in 1890, leaving a son named William. His second marriage was celebrated August 4, 1895, when Miss Lizzie Gaston became his wife. She was born in Madison Township. Joseph Gaston, her father, was a native of Ohio and a son of Joseph and Abigail (Dewey) Gaston, and after being engaged in merchandising at Harrisonville for several years moved to Portsmouth and was connected with the Gilbert grocery house until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Minford became the parents of five children, named Homer, Gertrude, Gladys, Ada and Kathleen, but the last named died February 11, 1915.

Daniel H. Feurt, a representative agriculturist and honored pioneer citizen of Scioto County, who passed away April 1, 1915, was a scion in the third generation of one of the staunch old families of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio, with which the name which he bore



D. A. Feurt

Caroline W. Feurt

has been identified for virtually an entire century, so that he was a member of one of the oldest of the sterling pioneer families yet concerned with the civic and business interests of this section of the state. Venerable in years, he was able to offer many interesting reminiscences concerning the early days in Southern Ohio, as well as incidents of importance touching the development and progress of the iron industry, which has played an important part in the upbuilding of this region and with which he was formerly identified in an active way, besides which he was a prominent figure in the local field of merchandising and in the exploiting of the fine agricultural resources of Scioto County.

Mr. Feurt was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 22d of January, 1836, and is a son of Daniel and Frances (Henry) Feurt, the former of whom was born in what is known as the French Grant, in what is now Green Township, Scioto County, and the latter of whom was a daughter of James Henry, a Virginian, who likewise became a pioneer settler in this part of the Buckeye State; on the maternal side she was a granddaughter of Rev. John Lee, a pioneer clergyman of the Baptist Church in Southern Ohio, where he established his home in the early '20s and where he long labored with consecrated zeal and devotion. Daniel Feurt was a son of Francis and Mary Feurt, who were numbered among the very early settlers of the French Grant, in Scioto County, and he was reared to maturity in Green Township, this county, his marriage having been solemnized in Lawrence County, where in his earlier career he followed the trade of wheelwright. He later became a successful exemplar of the agricultural industry, under the primitive conditions that obtained in the pioneer days, and he died September 29, 1858. His wife died August 18, 1860, both having been most zealous and consistent members of the Baptist Church. Of the twelve children only two are now living,—Dr. William H. Feurt, a venerable physician residing at Proctorville, Lawrence County, and Ida, who is the wife of Dr. Clinton G. Gray, residing at 169 South Third Street in the City of Ironton, Lawrence County.

Daniel H. Feurt passed his youth on the old homestead farm in Scioto County and was afforded the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period, though his broader education has been gained under the direction of that wisest of all head-masters, experience. In the earlier period of his independent career Mr. Feurt was associated with the operation of iron furnaces in the Hanging Rock Region, having been first employed by James Forsythe of the Empire Furnace Company, as storekeeper at the furnace operated by the firm and having held this position from 1865 to 1870. He next entered the service of Charcoal Iron Company, holding the position of bookkeeper for two years, and that of

manager for the ensuing five years, besides which he became a stockholder in the company. Thereafter he passed two years in conducting a farm and then assumed the position of bookkeeper and assistant manager for the firm of Means, Kyle & Company, likewise operating mines and furnaces. At the expiration of five years he again turned his attention to farming, with which industry he has continued to be identified during the long intervening years and in connection with which he was specially successful, as one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Scioto County. He was also an interested principal in a general store at Wheelersburg, but after years of earnest endeavor he laid aside the more arduous cares of business and lived virtually retired, for several years. He was the owner of Rosewall Farm, which comprises 130 acres and is one of the model places of Scioto County, with improvements of the best order and with every evidence of thrift and prosperity. He resided on this attractive rural homestead, which is situated three miles south of the Village of Wheelersburg and sixteen miles north of Ironton, the metropolis and judicial center of Lawrence County. In politics he was unswerving in his allegiance to the republican party, to the cause of which he has always given his support, though he was never imbued with desire for public office. He was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also his wife, and in the gracious evening of their lives it was their good fortune to be compassed by peace and prosperity and to have their home in a community in which their circle of friends was limited only by that of their acquaintances.

On the 24th of September, 1857, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Feurt to Miss Caroline W. McNeal, who was born in Greenup, Kentucky, on the 2d of December, 1829, and who came with her parents to Ohio when she was a child. Here she was reared to womanhood, receiving the advantages of the common schools, and her marriage to Mr. Feurt was celebrated in Scioto County. Of the five children four are living: Ella, who received excellent educational advantages and became a successful teacher when a young woman, is now the wife of George W. Fry of Richmondale, Ross County, Ohio. Frank Lee Feurt, who is assistant manager of the W. A. Murdock Company, wholesale grocery, at Ironton, wedded Miss Grace A. McIntosh, and they have two children, Lois Lee, who is a graduate of the high school in the City of Seattle, Washington, and who is now the wife of Oscar J. Holmes of Chicago, and Donald M., who was likewise graduated in the Seattle High School and who is now a commercial traveling salesman located at Los Angeles, California. Clare C., the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Feurt, is the wife of William H. McCurdy of Wheelersburg, to whom an individual sketch is devoted on other pages of this work. Bessie is the wife of

Anthony Gerlach, who is a successful teacher in the public schools of Scioto County, as was also his wife prior to their marriage.

ALSINES GASKILL. Few families have been longer identified with the various sections of the State of Ohio than that of which Alsines Gaskill is a representative. Mr. Gaskill is one of the venerable residents of Elk Township in Vinton County and has already passed the age of fourscore years. The record of the family is well worthy of incorporation in this publication.

The Gaskills were of Dutch ancestry. Soon after the close of the War of 1812 they came as pioneers to Ohio and then wilderness of Medina County. The head of the family at that time was Charles Gaskill, and his wife Matilda. One of the children was Samuel Gaskill, father of Alsines. Samuel had been born in New Jersey in 1804. In Medina County the family located on a large tract of Government land. All around them was a comparative wilderness. By his labors Charles Gaskill cleared up a full half section of land in that locality, and for many years he supplied the greater part of the meat consumed on the table from the deer and turkey which roamed at will through the woods. Charles Gaskill and his wife Matilda spent the rest of their days in Medina County and died when old people. They were God fearing and highly respectable according to all the standards of usefulness and character. In politics Charles was a whig. There were nine sons and daughters in the family, all of whom grew up and married and had families of their own.

After reaching his majority in Medina County Samuel Gaskill married Maria A. Sears. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1802, and was still a girl, when her parents, who were of the old Pennsylvania Dutch stock, moved into Medina County, Ohio, and likewise underwent the hardships and privations of pioneer life. Her parents finally moved out to Missouri, where they died. Samuel Gaskill and wife lived in Medina County for several years after their marriage. While there two sons were born. One of these was Alsines, who was born May 18, 1834. His brother George was born two years later. Then in 1837 the family started for a new home in Muskingum County, locating at Frazeysburg. Samuel Gaskill was a blacksmith by trade, having learned that art in Medina County, and at Frazeysburg he set up a shop and was one of the early mechanics in that community, doing horse shoeing and general repair work for a large community. He lived at Frazeysburg until 1840 and in the meantime the household circle had been expanded by the addition of another son, Jacob. The family then moved to another part of the same county, in the Honell neighborhood, where Samuel Gaskill

set up a country blacksmith shop and continued to work at his trade. While living there other children were born: Harriet, Ellen and twins, William and Ann Eliza; who were born in 1844 and were eighteen months of age when in 1846, while the war with Mexico was still in progress, the family undertook another removal, this time locating in Athens Township of Athens County. There Samuel Gaskill bought 130 acres of land and again set up a blacksmith shop. He cleared the farm largely with the help of his own boys. The youngest child was born in Athens County, named Olive. In 1863, Samuel Gaskill and wife moved to Southern Kansas, where they were very early settlers. Three months later in the same year Samuel was stricken with a fever and died, and still in the prime of his years, having never been sick up to that time. His widow survived him for a great many years and was ninety-one when she died. She spent her declining years in the home of her son William, who became well known in that section of Kansas as a horse dealer.

In the various localities mentioned in Ohio, Alsines Gaskill spent his early youth. He received a common school education, and while in Athens County learned the trade of stone cutter. He subsequently became a stone contractor, and did a great deal of foundation construction on both private and public buildings. One building for which he laid the foundation was the state asylum. He also constructed the jail in Vinton County and a number of private buildings in McArthur.

He first came to Vinton County in 1854. He was one of the earliest members of the republican party in this county, and as there were very few of his fellow partisans he was refused the privilege of casting his ballot as a republican during the first presidential election in which that party figured. In order not to lose his right as a voter he walked the entire distance of twelve miles to Albany, Ohio, where his vote was accepted.

Mr. Gaskill has lived on his present farm in Elk Township in section 34, since 1882. At that time he bought fifty-six acres, the chief improvement being a one-room hewed log house. He afterwards added five rooms to this and has made it a very comfortable home. Other improvements have followed from time to time, and he now has excellent farm buildings and makes his land produce good crops and he raises considerable stock and poultry. In politics he has been a republican since casting his first ballot in the manner already indicated and has been a very active member of the Methodist Church. His wife was a member of the Presbyterian denomination.

At Wilkesville in Vinton County Mr. Gaskill married Mary E. DeVault. She was born in that community January 29, 1844, and was

reared and educated in the Village of Wilkesville. They had a long and happy married companionship, and it was interrupted when she died at a hospital in Columbus while undergoing an operation October 22, 1903. Her parents were Louis and Margaret (Strausbaugh) DeVault, both of whom were born in Harrison County, Ohio, and were of German parentage. They came in early life to Vinton County, and spent the rest of their days in this county. For many years they lived on a farm near Zaleski, where her father died in his eighty-ninth year. His first wife Margaret died in the prime of life and by a second marriage he had a son and two daughters.

While his career in its material manifestations has been one of very satisfactory results, Mr. Gaskill has found his chief solace in his later years in his own children. A brief record of these is given as follows: Flora is the wife of William Power, a coal operator in Coshocton County, Ohio, and they have a family of four sons and three daughters. Dora is the wife of Gale Brown, a farmer in Elk Township, and they have five daughters and six sons. William became a resident of Minot, North Dakota, and was killed near there in a railroad wreck, leaving a widow and five children, his widow having subsequently married again. Catherine is the wife of Ellsworth Brown, a farmer and coal dealer at McArthur, and they have four sons and two daughters. Margaret is the wife of Charles Downhour, who is employed in the state hospital at Gallipolis, Ohio, and they have one daughter. Minnie is the wife of William Morrison, of McArthur, and of their five children three are still living. Pearley has gained distinction as an educator, having been active in that work for the past twenty-two years, and in 1913 he completed a course in the Ohio University at Athens; he has served as superintendent of the Washington County district schools and is now principal of the largest grade school in Huntington, West Virginia, with 750 students under his charge; he holds a life certificate in Ohio as a teacher both in grade and high schools; he was married in Wellston to Mertie M. Brohard of Colton, Jackson County, who for fourteen years was a teacher before her marriage and is a graduate of the normal department of the Ohio University, and since her marriage has become the mother of two children, Dwight D. and Abel R. The son Peter is doing well as a furniture dealer and undertaker at McArthur, and by his marriage to Essie Chatfield has three children, Rhea, Lucille and Charles. Mettie is unmarried and since the death of her mother has devoted herself to the care and welfare of her father and the management of the home. Harry, who is a fireman with the K. & M. Railroad and resides at Middleport, Ohio, is married and has a daughter Oneita E., and a son Elmer E., and they are both in school and live

with his grandfather Mr. Gaskill, while another daughter, Mary O. died at the age of eight months. Lillian is the wife of Frederick Lemley of Athens, and they have a daughter Laura B.

Daniel Will. Nearly a half a century has passed since the founding of the institution which now bears the name of the Vinton County National Bank, at McArthur, and during this entire period its fortunes have been directed by Daniel Will. Mr. Will's start in life was not auspicious, for his early schooling was confined to a mastery of the "Three R's," but he possessed inherent talent for business and finance, had an ingrained honesty of principle that made it impossible for him to carry on transactions in other than a strictly honorable manner, and was the possessor of an ambition and determination that never allowed obstacles to stand in his way. While accumulating a material fortune, Mr. Will has also contributed signally to the welfare of the town with whose interests he has been so intimately associated, and to few men is McArthur indebted in greater degree for services rendered.

The Will family in America is an old and honored one, and its members have been identified largely with pioneer life. The founder of the family in this country was George Will, who emigrated in a sailing vessel from Baden, Germany, and located in Berks County, Pennsylvania, some years before the outbreak of the Revolutionary war. Enlisting in the patriot army, he was promoted from private to sergeant, and then to lieutenant, which rank he bore when mustered out and honorably discharged. He married a Pennsylvania girl, and their family included George Will, Jr., the grandfather of Daniel Will, who was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1774. He grew up in his native community, and there learned the trade of shoemaker under his father, although he later gave up that trade to become a merchant. He married a German young lady, a Miss Greschner, and some time between the years 1790 and 1800 came with his family, his father and the latter's family to Adelphi, Ross County, Ohio, and settled in Colerain Township. There the elder George Will died not many years later, possibly early in the nineteenth century. He was either a Methodist or a Lutheran in his religious faith.

George Will, Jr., soon after settling in Ohio, became a merchant at Adelphi, at which place there was a whisky distillery. This product he bought at 12½ cents per gallon and disposed of it for 50 cents per gallon. His old accounts, kept in shillings, pounds and pence, show that the greater part of the liquor was bought by the gallon. He had served in the early Indian wars of the state and was corporal of his company, and when the War of 1812 came on, raised a company, was

elected captain, and joined the army of General Harrison, making a gallant record as a soldier. After his return to the life of the civilian he resumed his mercantile operations, and also secured 160 acres of land in Elk Township, Vinton County, all underlaid with coal, which is now the property of his grandson, Daniel Will. This sturdy old pioneer rode from his Ohio home all the way to St. Louis, Missouri, on horseback, securing 160 acres of land from the United States Government on the present site of St. Louis. Later he was compelled to sell this land to pay a debt he had secured for a neighbor. The entire 160 acres are now built over with residence and business property, and had he held on to this property a few years longer he would have accumulated a vast fortune from its sale. In May, 1845, Mr. Will rode a horse from Adelphi to Jackson, Ohio, and then to McArthur, all through a cold rain. This experience brought on an attack of pneumonia, from which he died a few days later at this city. His widow outlived him for some years, and died while on a visit to Albany, Athens County, Ohio, aged seventy-six years. Both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His father had been a member of one of the first sessions of the Ohio Legislature, and the junior George Will inherited his taste for politics, being an active and prominent whig, and at one time mayor of Adelphi. Of the children of George Will, Jr., Jacob G. was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1806. He was reared in Ross County, Ohio, where his brother Joseph K. Will was born, the latter becoming a pioneer merchant at McArthur, where he died, leaving three sons and one daughter. Jacob G. Will had three sisters: Elizabeth, who married J. K. Johnson, a pioneer farmer of Vinton County, and left issue at her death; Lucinda, who married Rev. Abram McCartlich, a pioneer preacher and old-time circuit rider of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and Clarissa, who married James Fowler, who located and became a well known merchant at Lafayette, Indiana, leaving at his death descendants who have since been prominent in business affairs.

After his marriage, Jacob G. Will embarked in farming but later sold out and became a merchant at Hallsville, Ross County. In 1841 he came to McArthur, where he became a merchant, but in 1858 returned to farming. Subsequently he sold goods at Zaleski, Vinton County, where his death occurred in 1882. Mrs. Will, whose maiden name was Sarah Swinehart, lived to be eighty-nine years of age, and died in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which her husband was also a member. He was a republican, and although not an office seeker served as justice of the peace and associate judge of Vinton County. There were nine children in the family: Joseph B., deceased; Aaron; George

L., deceased; Daniel; Susan; Jacob S. and Mary, who are deceased; Henry C., and Clara.

Daniel Will grew up with but few advantages to secure an education, but he soon found out that he could educate himself by reading and observation, and thus became a proficient scholar. In 1851 he began his business career as a clerk for his uncle, Joseph K. Will, and three years later secured an interest in the store. This he sold in 1860, and in 1861 became the proprietor of a strictly cash store at McArthur, and while he had no book accounts he was soon selling more goods than the other three stores in town put together. In 1866 he associated with him his brothers, Jacob S. and Aaron Will, and continued as their partner until October 1, 1867, when he started the Vinton County Bank, a state institution with a capital of $75,000, his associates being Thomas G. Davis, Jacob G. Will, Jacob S. Will, Aaron Will, Andrew Wolfe, Edward G. Doge, Charles Brown and H. S. Bundy. J. W. Delay was cashier and Daniel Will president. On October 1, 1872, Mr. Will secured a charter and started the Vinton County National Bank, with a capital of $100,000, and this institution has continued as one of the most safe and substantial banking houses in the county. Some years ago, for convenience, the capital was reduced to $50,000. Aside from the bank Mr. Will has many other interests, being the owner of the Will Hotel and of 1,600 acres of valuable land in the county, as well as city and town realty. He has held but few offices, but has been an active factor in securing advantages for his community and no movement for the general welfare is considered complete until his name has been added to its list of backers. Worthy charitable enterprises never appeal to him in vain, and for many years he was a supporter of religious movements. He is a republican in his political views, but not a politician. Mr. Will is unmarried.

Lewis James George who recently completed a term as county commissioner of Vinton County is a citizen of Swan Township whose prosperity can be spelled with capital letters. Inheriting the characteristics of industry and proficiency in business affairs, he has made the best of his opportunities and in addition to providing for the welfare of himself and those dependent upon him he has accepted many opportunities to serve his community.

His fine estate of 360 acres is located in sections 29 and 30, Swan Township. This land he utilizes for general farming and stock raising purposes, but its special feature is the oil and gas development which has been carried on largely under Mr. George's supervision. He now has in operation three gas wells producing many thousand cubic feet of

gas per day, and two other wells at this writing are being brought in which will probably produce equally as much as the other two. He also has two oil wells producing from seventy to eighty barrels per day. Naturally the presence of these wells has vastly increased the value of his estate, and he has had some flattering offers to sell, running up into five figures, but he is not disposed to part with his holdings and in that he shows his excellent judgment.

Mr. George has lived on this farm in Swan Township for fifteen years, and has owned it in his own right for the past two years. He was born in Swan Township August 2, 1872, was reared and educated there and it has been his home since childhood and he knows practically every resident of the township if not the county and is equally well known and esteemed.

His parents were William and Prudence (Herl) George. His father was born in Muskingum County and his mother in Vinton County, and after their marriage they lived in Swan Township until the death of Mrs. George in 1874. She was at that time in the prime of life and her only surviving child is Lewis James George. The latter's father subsequently returned to Muskingum County and married Lillian Williams, who spent her years in that county and died there. The father died at the Athens State Hospital when past fifty-five. He was a soldier who saw active service throughout the entire four years of the Civil war. Most of his service was as a musician in his regiment, and in one battle he was wounded in the knee.

After the death of his mother Lewis James George was taken into the home of his maternal grandparents William James and Elizabeth (Sowers) Herl, with whom he lived while growing up to manhood, being tenderly cared for and capably trained by his grandfather and grandmother, and in turn he gave them the best of his devotion and care while they were in their declining years. His grandfather Herl died about twenty-five years ago, and his grandmother some ten years later.

In 1897 Mr. George was married in Swan Township to Estella F. Dunkle. Mrs. George was born in Swan Township April 25, 1875, and has spent practically all her life in this one locality. She is a member of a prominent and well known family in Vinton County, and an account of the Dunkles will be found on other pages.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. George were born six children. William B., born September 20, 1897, was graduated from the McArthur High School with the class of 1915 and is still at home. Walter R. was born August 25, 1898, and is now in the eighth grade of the public schools. Leverett was born December 5, 1900, and died January 15, 1901. Dora F. was born July 14, 1902, and is in the eighth grade of the

public schools. Arthur James born September 8, 1912, and Harry F. was born May 10, 1915.

While Mr. George has been an exceedingly busy man looking after his interests as a farmer and in the development of his oil and gas interests, he has played an active part in local politics as a democrat. For four years he served as assessor, and was then elected county commissioner, an office in which he gave a very creditable administration for four years, his term closing in September, 1915.

Samuel A. Robb of Elk Township in Vinton County has filled his seventy-four odd years of life with useful and honorable activities. During the last forty or fifty years a great many houses and other buildings have taken form and fashion under his hand as a skilled mechanic and carpenter. At the same time he has looked after a farm, and has one of the well cultivated estates in Elk Township.

Not least to be remembered of the record of his life was his service of three years as a soldier in the Civil war. He went out when a young man as a member of Company A in the Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea after the fall of Atlanta. In fact he participated practically in every engagement in which his regiment was present. In the Battle of Resaca, Georgia, as the result of the explosion of a shell he received a disability wound. He always fought in the ranks as a private and now for a number of years he has enjoyed the associations of his old comrades in the Sergeant Reed Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at McArthur.

Samuel A. Robb was born six miles east of Zanesville in Muskingum County, Ohio, May 22, 1842. His parents were James T. and Nancy (Leach) Robb. His father was born in Pennsylvania August 7, 1809. His mother was born in the North of Ireland in 1817, and was eleven years of age when her parents Mathew and Nancy (Thompson) Leach, came from their native district of Ulster and in 1828 located in Guernsey County, Ohio. That section of Southern Ohio was then almost a complete wilderness, and Cambridge, the county seat, was a very small village. The Leachs improved a farm near New Concord, and the grandparents lived and died on that place, which they had acquired direct from the Government. They were members of the Presbyterian Church and Grandfather Leach was a whig in politics.

After his marriage James Robb started out as a farmer in Guernsey County and lived there for a number of years. He next went to Muskingum County and after making some improvements on a farm there sold out and moved to Salt Lick Township in Perry County, Ohio. It was in 1849 that he established his home in that county, and again

he found himself in an environment little removed from pioneer times. His industry enabled him to clear up and improve a good farm, and he lived on it for twenty-eight years. Having sold that property, he finally moved to Vinton County and on November 18, 1873, bought a home in section 5 of Elk Township. James Robb owned 240 acres of good land in that locality and that was his home until his death in April, 1895. His wife passed away November 1, 1891. They were members of the United Brethren Church and in politics he was a democrat until the war, after which he steadily supported the republican candidate. For two terms he filled the office of township trustee.

Samuel A. Robb was one of a family of eight children. Harriet, the oldest, died in girlhood. Matthew became a soldier in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war and died of illness in 1862. Samuel A. is the third in the family. Nancy J., the widow of Alexander Kontner, lives in Elk Township. Margaret R. has never married. Sarah E. married Christopher Richmond, and both are now deceased, having left no children. William H. lives on the old homestead in Elk Township and his wife is now deceased. James F. is now deceased and his widow and five children are still living in Elk Township.

The early life of Samuel A. Robb was spent largely in Perry County, where he attended the public schools and was about twenty years of age when he entered the army. He was married at Whipstown in Perry County to Miss Lydia Davis who was born in Salt Lick Township of that county, a daughter of George R. and Rebecca (Whipps) Davis, who were also natives and spent all their lives in Perry County. Mr. Davis was a carpenter, and died at the age of sixty-six, while his widow lived to be ninety-three. They were members of the Methodist Church, and in politics he was a republican.

After his marriage Samuel A. Robb and wife located on a farm, and he followed his trade of carpenter while looking after the cultivation of his acres. As a carpenter he did some pioneer constructive work in Perry County, and he helped to construct the first building, a hotel, put up at the Town of Shawnee. In 1873 he brought his family to Elk Township of Vinton County and for more than forty years has lived in that locality and plied his dual vocation as carpenter and farmer. As a farmer he is the owner of sixty-eight acres in section 35, and has it all under the plow except three acres. He and his family reside in a comfortable six-room house with basement, surrounded with a good set of farm buildings. He raises corn, wheat and has some pasture land for his stock.

In the making of his successful career Mr. Robb pays a tribute to the helpfulness and devotion of his good wife, who died at the home in

Elk Township November 5, 1907. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Ten children were born into their household. William P., who now lives at Elk Fork, has two children named Jacob and Frances. Eva O. by a first marriage had two children named Harley and Clarence, and she is now the wife of Frank Spencer of Canton, Ohio, and has two daughters, Dorothy and Dora. Jane is the wife of William Vollmuth, a produce merchant at Columbus, Ohio. George L. lives on a farm in Elk Township, and by his marriage to Eva Simms has three children, Mabel G., Frances H. and Grace S. Sarah E. is the wife of Charles Pickens of Columbus, and their children are Verne G. and Pauline V. Edward is a stockman and farmer at Eddyville, Wapello County, Iowa, and by his marriage to Mabel May, has two children, Ruth and Louise. Ida M. since the death of her mother has lived at home and has been the devoted companion and housekeeper for her father. Anna M. is the wife of William Zimmerman of Columbus, Ohio, and their children are named Gladys M., Herbert L., Bertha I., Everett G., William R., Robert and Mary L., the last now deceased. Dora E. is the wife of Samuel Brown of Orland, Ohio, and they have a son named Earl. Addy B., wife of Elmer Ward of Elk Township, and their children are Arthur E., Opal B., Leo R. and Glendon. While Mr. Robb is not a member he is an active supporter of the United Brethren Church at Vinton Station and is one of the splendid and progressive citizens who have always been willing to do an earnest part in community endeavors.

Jacob Clements. On both the paternal and maternal sides is Mr. Clements a representative of sterling pioneer families of Vinton County, Ohio, and he is now one of the most venerable and honored of the native sons still residing within the borders of this county, where he has lived from the time of his birth and where he has kept pace with and assisted in the march of civic and industrial development and progress. In the spring of 1915 he celebrated his eightieth birthday anniversary, and this fact in itself bears evidence of his being a scion of a pioneer family of this favored section of the Buckeye State.

On the old homestead farm of his father, in what is now Elk Township, Vinton County, Jacob Clements was born on the 12th of April, 1835, and he is a son of Thomas and Margaret (Waltz) Clements, the former a native of England and the latter of what is now Vinton County, Ohio, each having been born in the early part of the nineteenth century. Thomas Clements acquired his early education in his native land, where his parents passed their entire lives, and he was little more than a boy when he ran away from home, thus asserting his spirit of independence and his desire for adventure, and in later years he never

regretted the action which he took at that time, save for the lack of filial consideration which he had thoughtlessly manifested. The intrepid youth embarked on a sailing vessel of the type common to the period and after a long and weary voyage across the Atlantic he finally landed in the port of New York City, whence, for no definite reason now known, he forthwith made his way to Ohio, in which state he became a youthful pioneer in the southern part of the state, by establishing his residence in that part of Vinton County which was then in Athens County. He became a resident of the present Elk Township within the second decade of the nineteenth century, and here he formed the acquaintance of the young woman who was destined to become the sharer of his joys and sorrow and to walk by his side, a devoted wife and helpmeet, during many long years. Here he finally wedded Miss Margaret Waltz, who, as previously noted was a native of Vinton County, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Waltz, settled upon their immigration from their old home State of Pennsylvania, they having been among the very early pioneers of Vinton County, where the father entered claim to a tract of heavily timbered Government land and set himself vigorously to the reclaiming of a farm from the sylvan wilderness, which at the time was filled with all manner of wild game, besides being still the travois of numerous Indians. Jacob Waltz and his noble wife became well known and greatly valued members of the pioneer community, where they represented the best element of loyal and upright citizenship, endured with equanimity the trials, hardships and arduous labors that fell to them in connection with establishing the arts of civilization in a new country, and made their humble log house an abode of peace and comfort and a place of generous and unassuming hospitality,—one to which the old-time expression that the "latchstring was always out," applied in a literal sense. Mrs. Waltz died while in the prime of life and her husband thereafter married Isabinda Drake. They finally removed from their farm to McArthur, the county seat, and in later years they went to California, where they passed the closing period of their lives in gracious prosperity and amid pleasing surroundings, each having attained venerable age. Mr. Waltz was a man of parts,—strong, vigorous and loyal in his personality, and the earnest and effective service which he gave in connection with the development and upbuilding of Vinton County entitles his name to enduring honor and to a high place on the roster of the sterling pioneers of this section of the Buckeye State.

After his marriage Thomas Clements settled on a tract of wild land in Elk Township, the same having previously been obtained by him directly from the Government. He and his devoted young wife began their married life in a primitive log house of the type common to the

pioneer era, and in this modest dwelling were born all of their children, —five sons and five daughters. Three sons and three daughters attained to maturity, married and reared children, and of the number only two are now living,—Jacob, who is the subject of this review, and Richard, who maintains his home in McArthur. Richard has been twice married and his only surviving child is a daughter who was born of the second marriage. Richard Clements celebrated his eighty-third birthday in 1915, is still vigorous of mind and in physical powers and is about three years the senior of his brother Jacob, who was third in order of birth of the ten children. The father was a staunch and intelligent advocate of the principles of the democratic party and the mother was a life-long and devoted member of the Christian Church. Both continued their residence on their old homestead farm until their death and both commanded the high regard of all who knew them. The father died when about forty-eight years of age and the mother passed away when about seventy-three years of age.

Jacob Clements found the period of his childhood and early youth compassed by the benignant and invigorating conditions and influences of the home farm and while contributing his quota to its work he did not neglect the advantages afforded him in the pioneer schools of the locality and period. He remained at the parental home until he had attained to the age of nineteen years, when he initiated his independent career by entering the employ of one of his paternal uncles, in the capacity of a farm worker. He remained with his uncle four years and thereafter was employed for a similar period and in a similar way by Pinkney Brown, another of the representative pioneer farmers of the county. He then went to Illinois, where he remained about one year, after which he resumed his association with agricultural activities in his native county, his marriage having occurred a few years after his return to Vinton County.

In May, 1875, forty years ago, Mr. Clements removed with his family to McArthur, the county seat, where he has since maintained his residence, his home being a commodious and substantial brick house that is eligibly and pleasantly situated on North Market Street. For a number of years after establishing his residence at McArthur Mr. Clements conducted a prosperous business in handling all of the freight and express transportation between this place and the Village of Dundas, which latter was then the nearest railroad point to McArthur, to which latter point the Hocking Valley Railroad had not yet completed the line which now affords to the county seat excellent transportation facilities of a direct order. With the money which he accumulated through his activities in this connection Mr. Clements was enabled to purchase a

farm of 160 acres, lying adjacent to McArthur, and of this specially valuable property he still retains possession of 144 acres, seventy-two acres of which lie within the corporate limits of the thriving little city of McArthur. He still gives an active general supervision to his farm, which is well improved and under effective cultivation, besides being utilized also in the raising of excellent grades of live stock. The farm formerly belonged to the mother of his wife and the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Clements was solemnized on this old homestead place, in a little log house, this having been the domicile in which Mrs. Clements was born and the date of her nativity having been January 24, 1842, and she having been the youngest of the ten children of John and Sarah (Atha) Arnold, who gave to her the personal name of Hannah Elizabeth. Her parents were born and reared in Virginia and after their marriage they came to Vinton County, Ohio, and became early settlers on the partially improved farm, near McArthur, that continued the abiding place of Mr. Arnold until his death, at the age of forty-seven years, in 1843, his birth having occurred in 1796. His widow survived him by many years and continued her residence on the old home farm until the same was purchased by her son-in-law, Mr. Clements of this review, in whose home she passed the closing period of her life and was cared for with deep filial solicitude by both Mr. and Mrs. Clements. This loved pioneer woman attained to the venerable age of eighty-four years, and was a devoted member of the United Brethren Church. He was a democrat in politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Clements became the parents of six children, concerning whom the following brief data are available: Sarah L. died at the age of twenty years, in the very flower of young and gracious womanhood; Jennie is the wife of Gilbert Warner, who is associated with a mercantile firm at Charleston, W. Va., and they have one son, Clement; Anna was the wife of John Douglas, and she died in the City of Lafayette, Indiana, December 24, 1915, and her only child, Farrell, is living with her aunt in Charleston; Pearl remains at the paternal home and is actively identified with the work and management of his father's farm; Lydia died when about two years of age; and Miss Bertha remains with her parents and has virtual charge of the domestic economics of the attractive home. Mr. and Mrs. Clements and their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and though he has never had aught of ambition for the honors or emoluments of public office he has ever given an unswerving support to the cause of the republican party and has stood exponent of loyal, liberal and progressive citizens, with secure place in the confidence and good will of his fellowmen.

THOMAS C. FOX. By judicious efforts as a farmer and general merchant, Thomas C. Fox has created a liberal prosperity for himself in the Locust Grove community of Jackson Township, Vinton County. This is one of the most select rural neighborhoods in Vinton County, and his store is surrounded by a large group of well kept farms inhabited by thrifty, industrious people who have always been known as supporters of church, schools and other beneficent activities.

Mr. Fox has been in business at the Locust Grove community for the past nineteen years. He has a fine store in a building 24x42 feet, well stocked with general merchandise of every kind required by a country community. Near his store Mr. Fox erected some years ago a fine modern home of ten rooms, with complete equipment for comfort and convenience, including hot and cold running water, bath room and heated and lighted by natural gas. Surrounding his store and home are a plot of eight acres of ground which he uses partly in his business and partly for the growing of garden and orchard crops. The buildings occupy a fine site with a beautiful outlook over the surrounding country. Mr. Fox's real farm is 250 acres in the same township, and from its cultivation and management he derives large revenues.

Thomas C. Fox was born in Hocking County, Ohio, August 18, 1869, and was reared and educated there, which remained his home until his removal to Locust Grove. He is a son of Thomas J. and Elizabeth (Grimes) Fox, who were natives of Ohio and were reared in Belmont County. His father graduated from high school and learned the carpenter's trade and became a skilled mechanic. He was married in Belmont County, and after two children were born to them they removed to Hocking County, where he bought a small farm in Perry Township. He died there in July, 1875, when only thirty-two years of age. His widow afterwards married Henry Spencer, a farmer in Hocking County, where he died after the birth of six children at the age of fifty-five. His widow, Mrs. Spencer, now lives at Lancaster, and is still in good health at the age of seventy-two. She became the mother of nine sons by her two marriages, and five of them are still living, and all have children except one.

Next to the youngest in his father's family, Thomas C. Fox has made his success largely through his own efforts, since he was early thrown upon his own resources. He was married in Hocking County to Miss Stella Hunter. She was born in Perry Township of Morgan County, Ohio, May 21, 1873, and was reared and educated there. Her parents were Curtis and Susanna (Poling) Hunter, who were married in Hocking County and spent their lives on a farm there. Her father died in 1908 at the age of sixty-four and her mother in 1914, aged sixty-

eight. They were very strong Methodists, and did much to support church and moral institutions in their community. Her father was a republican.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fox were born six children, one of whom died in infancy. Pearl D., born in August, 1896, received the education supplied by the local schools and is still at home. Bessie May, born March 26, 1898, is still at home. Earl Stanley, born May 18, 1899, and his education is also a product of the local schools. Leona Fern was born in 1904 and is still in school. Adelbert Odell was born in February, 1913. The family are all members of the Locust Grove Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Fox is a republican, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge at McArthur.

Albert S. Pettit. Some of the best managed farms in the Hanging Rock Iron Region are found in Jackson Township of Vinton County. One of these is the home of Albert S. Pettit on rural route No. 1 out of Creola. Mr. Pettit has been a factor in that community for some thirty or thirty-five years.

While most of his career has been spent in Vinton County, to which he came with his parents in the spring of 1866, he was born in Morgan County, Ohio, near the Village of Triadelphia in Deerfield Township July 11, 1861. He was reared at the old family homestead in the northeast corner of Jackson Township of Vinton County in section 1, and has never strayed far from the scenes of his youth. His present home is near the Hocking County line, and he owns eighty acres of well cultivated land in section 2 of Jackson Township. He has one of the very substantial rural residences of the county, a nine-room house, and with a large barn 40x40 feet. He also owns 120 acres in section 1 of the same township, a part of the old homestead, and that land also is well improved and cultivated to general crops and devoted to stock raising. In his farming operations Mr. Pettit has long been considered one of the most progressive men of the township.

His ancestry is partly French. His grandfather, Samuel Pettit, was born in New Jersey, from which state he removed to Pennsylvania, and there married a Miss Sniff. After their marriage they undertook the pioneer adventure of moving into Ohio and establishing a home in Morgan County, which was then almost a wilderness. They located in Deerfield Township, and entered a tract of new land from the Government. Samuel Pettit was still in the prime of his years and vigor when he volunteered his services for one of the community enterprises that made a noteworthy feature in pioneer community life, a house raising. While thus engaged a log fell upon him and his death resulted from the

injuries. His widow survived him a great many years and died at the home of her daughter at the age of ninety-two. She was a very vigorous woman, somewhat stern in disposition, and exercised a somewhat dominating influence over her family and in her community. She was the mother of five sons and one daughter: Manuel, who died at the age of eighty-five; Mahlon, who died at the age of eighty; John, mentioned below, who lived to be seventy-three; Samuel J., who died at the age of sixty-eight; Elizabeth, who married Lewis Rempson, who died while a soldier in the Civil war, and she lived to a very great age.

John Pettit, father of Albert S., was born in Morgan County, Ohio, April 26, 1815, a date which of itself indicates the very early settlement of the family there. He died at the old homestead in section 1 of Jackson Township in Vinton County, July, 1878. He was only seven years of age when his father died, and he was reared in the home of an uncle, Jonathan Sniff in Muskingum County. On reaching manhood he returned to Morgan County, and was married in Deerfield Township to Amanda Brewster. She was born in Morgan County July 7, 1822, a daughter of Harvey and Ann (Roberts) Brewster, who were both born in one of the eastern states and came in the early days to Morgan County securing a tract of wild land which they improved as a home. They died when past eighty years of age. The members of the Sniff and Brewster families were Presbyterians in religion, while the Pettits were Methodists. After marriage John Pettit and wife lived in Morgan County until all their children were born. Albert was their youngest son and was eight years younger than the next oldest in the family. From Morgan County they moved to Jackson Township of Vinton County, where the parents spent the rest of their days. The mother died May 11, 1899. They were active members of the Locust Grove Methodist Episcopal Church and the father was a republican in politics. Their children were: James, who lives near Lewiston in Logan County, Ohio, where he has a nice home, and by his marriage to Elizabeth Johnson has a family of sons and daughters; Nathan R., whose home is at Logan, Ohio, married Harriet Campsey, who died some years ago, leaving eight or nine children; Elmer O. died when five years of age; Roxanna is the wife of Jacob Milhon.

Albert S. Pettit was married in Jackson Township to a native girl, Miss Jennie Schooley. She was born in Hocking County February 27, 1861, and was reared and educated there. Her parents were Joseph and Jemima (Bermillion) Schooley. Her father was born in Louden County, Virginia, June 24, 1798, while her mother was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, May 27, 1822. Joseph Schooley went with his parents to Ohio when a boy, and they all settled in Tuscarawas County,

where his parents died. His mother was a Miss Hibb, an English woman. After his marriage in Tuscarawas County Joseph Schooley moved to Washington Township in Hocking County, where all his children were born. He finally came to Jackson Township in Vinton County, and died there at the age of seventy-nine, while his widow passed away several years ago at the home of a daughter near Grand Junction, Colorado, at the age of eighty-seven. Joseph Schooley was a Quaker by early training, but usually supported the Methodist Church to which his wife belonged. The children in the Schooley family were: Naomi, who died as the wife of William Krishbaum, who now lives at Ashville, Ohio, and she left ten children, five daughters and five sons. The next in order is Mrs. Pettit. Alice married Morgan Grant. Jasper N., a resident of Jackson Township, married Leah Lowrey, and has three daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettit have taken great pains in the rearing and training of their own children, and those still living are already well established in homes of their own. Their oldest, Percival P., born July 16, 1884, was educated in the Ohio University at Athens and is now employed in the oil fields, and married Lulu McHenry of West Virginia. Clyde E., born April 21, 1885, received good advantages in the way of schooling and assists his father in the management of the home farm. Raymond died at the age of sixteen at the entrance to a promising young manhood. Lenore M., born July 7, 1893, completed her education in the Ohio University at Athens, and is now the wife of D. W. West of Hocking County, and they have a daughter, Grace L., who was born October 4, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Pettit are active members of the Locust Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a steward. In politics he is a republican.

David Simmons. One of the most earnest and successful promoters of farming and stockraising in Jackson County is David Simmons, who, aside from any prestige he may have received from connection with a fine old pioneer family of Ohio, has mapped out his own fortunes with a certainty of intent and purpose which could have no other result than the attainment of substantial success.

Mr. Simmons was born in Carroll County, Ohio, in December, 1841, a son of John Simmons, a native of Pennsylvania, and a grandson of Jacob Simmons, who was born in Germany. On coming to the United States, Jacob Simmons settled in Pennsylvania, but after a few years moved to Carroll County, Ohio, as a pioneer, building a log cabin in the wilderness. He split boards for the roof and puncheons for the floor, carried on operations in much the same manner as other pioneers,

and started himself on the way to success. However, after a few years he again felt the call of the West and made his way to Iowa, where his last years were passed in the pursuits of the soil. John Simmons was still a lad when his parents removed to the wilds of Carroll County, Ohio, and there his boyhood and youth were passed amid pioneer surroundings. He went to the primitive schoolhouse for his education and was instructed by his father in the use of the pioneers' tools and implements, and in 1846 left that county with his family and moved to Jackson County, the trip being made by team in the absence of either railway or canal. Locating in Washington Township, Mr. Simmons took up a tract of Government land, heavily covered with timber, where his first accomplishment was the erection of a log house, the first home of the family in this county. While the men of the family did the heavy work in the fields and forests, the women contributed also their share, being constantly busy in carding, weaving and spinning, making home-spun or cooking over the great open fireplace. Thus Mr. and Mrs. Simmons were able to collaborate in the accumulation of a handsome property and in their declining years were able to retire from active labors and to pass the rest of their lives in comfort and contentment at Vinton, Gallia County, Ohio, where the father died at the age of ninety-six years and the mother when about eighty years of age. She bore the maiden name of Hannah Rutledge and was a daughter of John Rutledge, a native of Ireland, who brought his family with him to this country at the time of his emigration and settled in Carroll County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons became the parents of seven children, namely: Lydia Ann, Sarah J., Josiah, David, Phoebe, John R. and William H.

The district school of Washington Township, a log structure with puncheon floor, seats made of split poplar logs, wooden pins for legs, and a board against the wall for the larger scholars to write on, furnished David Simmons with his education in a literary way, while his training for an agricultural career was being given him by his father on the home farm. He was twenty years of age when he answered the call of his country for more troops to down Secession, enlisting in 1864 in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This organization was sent to Bermuda Landing, on the James River, in Virginia, where it was in active service. At the expiration of his term Mr. Simmons was honorably discharged and returned to his home, but in the fall of the same year again enlisted, veteranizing by becoming a member of Company D, Sixty-seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. With this regiment he went to the front in Virginia and was with it through its various engagements, including the Battle of Hatchers Run and the Siege of Petersburg. He was in Rich-

mond soon after the fall of the Southern Capital, and was honorably discharged with the other members of his regiment in the fall of 1865. Returning to his home at that time he resumed farming, buying a tract of land in Lick Township on which he continued to be occupied for twenty years. At that time he came to Franklin Township and bought a tract in section 20, where he now has 160 acres under cultivation, on which are good buildings and modern improvements. While Mr. Simmons is a practical farmer, he is always ready to try new innovations, has frequently experimented with new methods and inventions, and was the first to introduce Black Polled cattle into this section of Ohio. He has been industrious as a farmer and stockman and reliable and public-spirited as a citizen, these qualities combining to make him one of his community's representative and highly esteemed men.

Mr. Simmons was married to Miss Mary E. Slack, who was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, daughter of Henry Slack, and seven children have been born to this union: Roberta J., Oliver Judson, and Ethel L., who are deceased; John, who married Margaret Meldock, and has one son, Ralph; Emory B., who married Gertrude McClure and has one son, Merrill; Guy, who married Adale Shaward, and has one daughter, Mary Ellen; and R. K., living in Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons and their children are members of the Methodist Church, in the work of which all have been active.

Thomas W. Albin. Since the earliest pioneer times Vinton County has been honored and benefitted by the presence within its borders of the Albin family. In the character of its individual members the interests and well being of the community have been advanced, and it is impossible to estimate the strength and diversity of the influences which come from such a family and effect the social and business affairs covering a wide radius around their immediate homes. One of the younger representatives of this family is Thomas W. Albin, whose home is on rural route No. 1 out of Creola postoffice.

He is of Scotch-Irish and Dutch ancestry. His grandfather, William Albin, was born in Virginia, in Greenbrier County, in what is now West Virginia, some years before the close of the eighteenth century. When he was twelve years of age his parents moved to Guernsey County, Ohio. His father was a native of Ireland and his mother was born in Germany, and they were married in Virginia and died when quite old people in Ohio. William Albin grew up in Guernsey County, and married there Miss Nancy Clark, who was of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. In 1836 they moved into what is now Swan Township of Vinton County, then a part of Hocking County. They settled in the forest, all around

them being the heavy timber of poplar, walnut, oak and the other giants of the forest which once stood as an impediment to agriculture in this section. Their work improved a wild farm, and William Albin spent the rest of his years in Vinton County and died in Swan Township about 1885 when ninety-four years of age. His wife passed away at the age of seventy-six. They were members of the Primitive Baptist Church and in politics he was a Jackson democrat. There were twelve children, six sons and six daughters, all of whom grew up and most of them attained old age. They all married and two of them are still living: Samuel S., father of Thomas W., and Sarah, who was twice a widow and now lives with her son, James A. Wharton, in Columbus.

Samuel S. Albin was born near Cumberland, Guernsey County, Ohio, August 8, 1830, and is now eighty-five years of age, but still vigorous and active and looking after the management of his farm in Swan Township. He has been a life-long democrat, which is the minority party in Vinton County, and was once an unsuccessful candidate for county commissioner. For three or four terms he held the office of township trustee. He was married in Guernsey County to Rebecca Reed, who was born and reared near Reed's Station in Perry County. Her parents were John and Eleanor (Iliff) Reed, who were early settlers in Guernsey County and subsequently removed to Vinton County, where they died in Swan Township. Rebecca Albin died in February, 1909, at the age of seventy-seven. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Thomas W. Albin was the oldest in a family of four children. His younger brother Ezra, who lives in Columbus, Ohio, has been twice married, and by his first marriage to Miss Iantha Rhinehart has a son named Karl. Nancy J. is the wife of Homer Dunkle, a farmer on the old Albin homestead, and their three children are Otis, Tom and Arthur. Cora A. is the wife of Columbus Dunkle, of Logan, Ohio, and they have one daughter.

Thomas W. Albin grew up in Vinton County, was carefully trained at home and in school and has been a very successful farmer and stock raiser. His fine farm consists of eighty acres of land in section 11 of Jackson Township in the Lotus Grove community. It is high grade land and grows abundant crops and has some very excellent improvements, including a modern well built nine-room house, lighted and heated by natural gas, and with all the modern conveniences. There is also a barn on a foundation 32x40 feet.

In Hocking County, Ohio, Mr. Albin married Miss Ella Campbell. She was born in that county March 22, 1866, and was reared and educated there. She was the oldest daughter of Robert and Elizabeth T.

(Ellis) Campbell. Her mother is now a widow and lives with Mr. and Mrs. Albin, though she owns some valuable land containing minerals and gas and oil wells, in Hocking County. She leases this property. Mr. Campbell was of very fine old Scotch stock and belongs to the old Clan of Campbells, and it is thought that his family was related to that which produced the Rev. Alexander Campbell, the founder of the Christian Church.

Elizabeth Theresa Ellis, the maiden name of Mrs. Campbell, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, March 24, 1844, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Newell) Ellis. Her father was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, a son of Michael and Theresa (Loveless) Ellis, who were natives of Virginia and were early settlers in Ohio. The Ellis family were Methodists, and Michael Ellis was a whig in politics. Thomas Ellis was born in Ohio, while his wife was a native of Pennsylvania. They were married in Muskingum County, where he followed the life of a farmer and subsequently purchased a home in Hocking County. Thomas Ellis died at the age of sixty-seven and his wife passed away at forty-nine. They were charter members of the Methodist Church in Swan Township, Vinton County, and Thomas Ellis helped to cut away the timber and clear the ground for the erection of the first church building there. Miss Ellis was married to Robert Campbell in Vinton County. He had a farm in that locality, but he died in Lancaster, Ohio, October 5, 1905, at the age of sixty-two. Both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mrs. Campbell is closely identified with that denomination and has always been noted for her keen powers of mind and the vigorous and kindly conduct of her home and her business interests. Besides Mrs. Albin the other living children of the Campbell family are: Della, wife of Lewis Hensley, who is an oil rig builder living at Rockbridge in Hocking County, and they have three children, while Mrs. Hensley by a former marriage had one daughter. Vernon Campbell died after his marriage and left one daughter and one son. Ernest D. Campbell is married and lives in Vinton County and has four sons and two daughters. Alice is the wife of Charles Ilse, a blacksmith at Enterprise, in Hocking County. Walter Campbell is married and has three sons and lives in Hocking County. Maude is the wife of J. W. Murry and lives at Canal Dover, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin have one son, A. Guy. He was born August 11, 1889, and after attending the local school advanced his education in the Rio Grande College, then taught for three years, graduated from the Bliss Business College, attended a normal school at Angola, then became assistant principal of the Tremont High School and is now a student

in the Ohio State University at Columbus. He married Leola Shively and they have a daughter named Bertha.

Mrs. Albin and the son are members of the Locust Grove Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Albin served as treasurer of Jackson Township five years, and is a loyal democrat in politics.

ALONZO WARTHMAN. It was in the prime of his years and the high tide of his usefulness that Alonzo Warthman was taken away by death, and for what he did, for what he was, and the influence he exerted in many ways it is fit that he should be long remembered especially in Vinton County and in the community of New Plymouth, where he resided for many years and where Mrs. Warthman and her children still live.

Born in Hocking County, Ohio, February 6, 1867, Alonzo Warthman was a son of Daniel and Ellen (Nimon) Warthman. Both parents were reared in Jefferson County, Ohio, were married in Hocking County, and the father was a miller who at one time operated a grist mill in Washington Township of Hocking County, but subsequently established a saw and grist mill in Brown Township of Vinton County, his mill being operated by water power. His parents lived in Brown Township most of their active careers, and the mother passed away at the home of her youngest son Alonzo in 1910, when eighty-three years of age. Daniel Warthman is still living among his children in Vinton and Hocking counties, and on March 18, 1916, celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday. He is still hale and hearty, takes long walks and during the year just past shot a number of ground hogs and squirrels. Since the years of his early youth he has been devoted to the Methodist Church and his wife belonged to the same denomination. In politics he is a democrat. Alonzo Warthman was the youngest of these children, and the three still living are: Luther, a farmer and miller in Swan Township of Vinton County, who is married and has a family of one son and two daughters. Lafayette, a farmer in this state, who has four sons; and Martha, wife of Fred Stout, living near New Plymouth.

Alonzo Warthman after being reared in Vinton County was married in Northeastern Tennessee in 1889 to Minnie B. Conner. She was born in Swan Township of Vinton County, March 9, 1871, but when eleven years of age her parents moved to Northeastern Tennessee. She is a daughter of William and Harriet (Rodeheaver) Conner. They were born in what is now West Virginia and were married at Morgans Glade, and subsequently moved to Vinton County. Her father spent several years as a farmer and subsequently started a sawmill in Vinton County, but moved it to Hocking County, then again to Swan Township, and in

1882 established a lumber mill in Tennessee. In 1890 having sold out the family returned to Vinton County and bought land in Swan Township, where Mrs. Warthman's father died in the spring of 1910. Her mother passed away March 11, 1911. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as an official, and in politics he was a republican.

After their marriage Alonzo Warthman and wife settled at New Plymouth in Vinton County, and for several years he conducted a sawmill there. Later he managed a sawmill in Ross County not far from Chillicothe, but eventually sold his interests there and returned to Vinton County and took up sawmilling and grist milling, having a grist mill at Hamden. In 1902 he bought a comfortable home of ten rooms with a large lot of ground surrounding at New Plymouth, and he also bought 318 acres in Hocking County, chiefly grazing land and timber. His prosperity was also measured by the ownership of 160 acres of well improved farming land in Swan Township.

The late Mr. Warthman was a man of good business judgment, industrious, honorable in all his relations, doing whatever he did well, and unselfish in every way. His death was consequently a shock to the community where he had lived so long and he passed away at New Plymouth February 23, 1912. He was a democrat in politics, and had no regular church membership. Mrs. Warthman still lives at the fine home at New Plymouth, and she and her children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Warthman was survived by the following children: Myrtle, born in 1890, was educated in the public schools and in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and is now the wife of Howard L. Hockman of Hocking County, who owns and runs a grist mill at New Plymouth, having conducted this local industry for the past four years. Newman A., born in 1892, is also a saw mill man at McArthur, and by his marriage to Dora Hanning has two children, Minnie B. and Luther G. Lela B., born in 1897, is the wife of Albert Redick, of New Plymouth, and they have a son Vyron B. Mary E., born in 1902, is now in the public schools. Dallas Wayne was born February 12, 1905, and is also in the grade schools. Alonzo E. was born November 4, 1912, after the death of his father.

Worth Ray, M. D. Many of the men in the medical profession today are devoting themselves in a large measure to the prevention of disease as well as its cure. In this way their efficiency as benefactors has extended much beyond the scope of the old fashioned practice when the doctor was related to his patients only as an individual. One of the

able representatives of such modern physicians, who has enjoyed special favor and success as a physician and surgeon, is Dr. Worth Ray, now practicing with a large clientage at Superior, Lawrence County. Doctor Ray has served several of the state institutions, is a member of the State Board of Health, and has a large general practice as a physician and surgeon.

Worth Ray was born in Jackson Township of Jackson County, Ohio, June 15, 1873, a son of Joseph M. and Anna (Carter) Ray. His father was born at Chester in Meigs County, Ohio, in 1829, spent his active career as a farmer, and now lives in Jackson Township of Jackson County. The mother was born in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1836. Four of their eight children are living: Mary, now Mrs. Thomas E. Harper of Jackson County; Wilder C., who married Gertrude Shockey and is a farmer on the old homestead; Doctor Ray, and Edith M., who is Mrs. O. L. Harper, her husband an engineer at Ironton, and they have two children, Ruth B. and Marie E.

Dr. Worth Ray grew up in Jackson County, had a farm as his early environment, and after completing the work of the public schools entered Starling Medical College at Columbus and was graduated M. D. March 25, 1897. His first practice was at Omega in Pike County, and after two years he was appointed assistant superintendent of the State Hospital at Athens during 1898-99. He was transferred in the same capacity to the Cleveland State Hospital for four months, then practiced at Coalton from the fall of 1899 to 1910, spent two years, 1910-12, at Columbus, and since then has enjoyed a large practice at Superior in Lawrence county. Doctor Ray is physician and surgeon to the Superior Portland Cement Company, is a member of the Jackson County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the State Board of Health and is vital health officer of his county.

Doctor Ray is a Royal Arch Mason, and is in politics a republican. For two terms he served as coroner of Jackson County. His church is the Methodist. Doctor Ray devotes all his time to his profession, and outside of that his principal interests are in his home and in outdoor recreation. Doctor Ray was married December 27, 1889, to Gertrude Morse, daughter of George Morse of Middleport, Meigs County, Ohio. They are the parents of three children: Joseph Morse Ray, Wendell B. Ray, and one that died in infancy.

David H. Weisenberger. In view of the marked itinerant tendencies of the Americans of the present generation, it is especially gratifying to take cognizance of the career of one who has achieved success

and definite prestige in the community in which he was born and reared and in which he has so ordered his course as to retain the inviolable confidence and good will of all who know him. These statements have significant application in connection with the popular citizen whose name introduces this paragraph and who is station agent for the Hocking Valley Railroad in his native town of McArthur, Vinton County, where he is also local representative for the American and Adams Express Companies. He has been identified with railroad affairs since his early youth and his advancement to his present position indicates fully his fidelity and executive ability, for such preferment comes only to one who proves his integrity of purpose and his definite practical value. Mr. Weisenberger has held his present office for the past sixteen years, and for eleven years preceding his assignment to the same he has served as a representative of the same railroad company in the village of Dundas, Vinton County. Close application and marked circumspection have characterized his association with the Hocking Valley Railroad, and he has fully merited the advancement that has been given to him in his long and faithful service for this company, the official of which have thus marked their appreciation of his ability and steadfastness. He has become interested in a number of local business enterprises, but as a stockholder rather than an active executive, since his duties in connection with the railroad and express companies demand virtually his undivided time and attention.

Mr. Weisenberger was born at McArthur on the 5th of July, 1871, and to the public schools of his native village he is indebted for his early educational discipline, which has been effectively supplemented by the lessons learned under the direction of that wisest of all headmasters, experience. He entered the employ of the Hocking Valley Railroad Company when but sixteen years of age and has continued in its service during the entire intervening period.

The lineage of Mr. Weisenberger traces back to staunch German origin on both the paternal and maternal sides. His paternal grandfather, David Weisenberger, passed his entire life in Prussia and was a farmer by vocation. His son David, Jr., father of the subject of this review, was born in Prussia in the year 1832 and was there reared and educated. There was solemnized his marriage to Miss Theresa Hemlepp, who likewise was born in 1832, and in the later '50s they severed the ties that bound them to their Fatherland and immigrated to the United States, being accompanied by the parents of Mrs. Weisenberger and by all of her brothers and sisters except one sister. This little company of kinsfolk took passage on a sailing vessel of the type common to that period and forty-nine days elapsed ere they disem-

barked in the port of New York City. From the national metropolis all came forthwith to Vinton County, Ohio, and the family home was established at Eagle Furnace, where the iron furnaces were then in active operation. The parents of Mrs. Weisenberger eventually removed to Scioto County, where they passed the residue of their lives and where they died when well advanced in years. Their only surviving child in the United States is Herman Hemlepp, who now resides at Ashland, Kentucky, and who has reared a family of several children.

David Weisenberger, father of the subject of this review, died about two months before the birth of the latter, who is thus a posthumous child, he being the youngest in a family of six sons and two daughters, of whom two died in infancy. Two others of the number also are deceased: Sophia became the wife of Otto F. Piltcher and is survived by four children; Frank died when comparatively a young man. Aside from David H., of this sketch, the other surviving children are: Andrew, who now resides in the city of Columbus and who is the father of five children; and Ida S., who is the wife of Joseph C. Gill, present county auditor of Vinton County, and who has one son. Mrs. David Weisenberger survived her husband by many years and was summoned to the life eternal in 1909, at the venerable age of seventy-seven years. Both were devout communicants of the German Lutheran Church, which was the ancestral faith in their native land, and they lived godly and righteous lives that fully justified the Christian faith which they professed.

David S. Weisenberger has continued to permit the enrollment of his name on the list of eligible bachelors in his native county, but this fact has not militated in the least against his personal popularity, which is of unequivocal order both in business and social circles. He is a stalwart advocate of the cause of the republican party and served for a number of years as a member of the city council of McArthur, in which connection he exemplified fully his spirit of progressiveness and civic loyalty. He is one of the valued members of the local lodge and chapter of the Masonic fraternity and is past master of the former, as well as past high priest of the latter. The closing months of the year 1915 find him the incumbent of the office of king of Royal Arch Chapter of the McArthur Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and he has passed the official chairs also in the McArthur Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Wilson S. Swartz. About a half century ago when Vinton County was still in the wilderness, the first member of the Swartz family came to the region, and since then Wilson S. Swartz has been one of the

effective workers in transforming the barren land into cultivated fields. He has earned all his prosperity, and exemplifies the quality of enterprise and good citizenship that are valuable assets to any community.

He was born near Taylorville in Muskingum County, Ohio, September 27, 1852. His parents were Daniel and Mary (Mowery) Swartz. His father was born in Washington County of Southwestern Pennsylvania, being of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry. The mother was born in Germany and when six years of age her parents came to the United States on a sailing vessel, and after many weeks on the ocean landed in New York City and some half dozen years later moved to the State of Virginia, locating in the Shenandoah Valley during the early '40s. They came as poor people, and spent most of the balance of their lives in that locality. Mary Mowery's mother died there, and there she was reared and married Daniel Swartz, who came from the Shenandoah Valley into Pennsylvania when a young man. Daniel Swartz and wife lived in Virginia for a number of years, and while there six of their children were born. They afterwards moved from Pennsylvania to Muskingum County, Ohio, locating on land about two miles south of Taylorville, and not quite a mile from the Muskingum River. In that new home six other children blessed their marriage, making twelve in all. Mrs. Mary Swartz was born April 29, 1809, and died in Muskingum County in 1863. Her husband was born July 30, 1806, and died in Licking County, Ohio, in 1876. Both were members of the Lutheran Church and the father was a democrat. Wilson S. Swartz was one of the youngest of the eight sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to adult age except one, and ten of them were married and four are still living. The only ones in Vinton County are Wilson and his sister, Mrs. George Waxler.

Wilson S. Swartz was reared and educated in Muskingum County. On reaching the age of maturity he found farming the occupation for which he was best fitted, and in 1877, when still a young man of about twenty-five he moved into a newer country, Vinton County, and located in Elk Township. Here his work has been of marked benefit not only to himself but to his community for nearly forty years. In 1877 he bought his present farm in section 27 of Elk Township, a mile and a half from McArthur. His thirty-eight acres are nearly all well improved and he grows good stock and general crops, and also operates several acres of the brick company's land adjoining his farm. His improvements comprise a substantial six-room house and some farm buildings. His land is rolling, well supplied with water and beneath the surface are three distinct veins of coal.

In Elk Township of Vinton County in 1886 Mr. Swartz married

Miss Christina B. Hohl. She was born near old Eagle Furnace in Vinton County in 1858 and has always lived in this county. When she was eleven years of age she lost her father, Jacob Hohl, who was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, where he married Catherine Weaver, a native of the same locality. Mr. and Mrs. Hohl lost an infant child in Germany and not long afterwards they set out for the United States, and after living for a time in Pennsylvania moved to Ohio, and settled at Pine Grove Furnace and still later went to Eagle Furnace, where Mr. Hohl worked for some years as a teamster. In 1867 he moved to a farm in Elk Township, and he died there in 1869. His widow survived him about thirty years and was past seventy when she died. They were reared in the Lutheran Church, but Mrs. Hohl became a member of the United Brethren denomination in this country.

Mr. and Mrs. Swartz are the parents of a large family of children: Oscar B., who is a blacksmith at Marion, Ohio, married Cora Sammons and has two children named Elwood M. and Arnold E. Homer C., who died at the age of twenty, was engaged in teaching and was a student of medicine. Henry H., still unmarried, is a carpenter living at Deep River, Iowa. George P. died when six months of age. Adelbert W. still lives at home with his parents, and is a teacher, and has finished two years in the Ohio State University at Athens. K. May was also a student in Ohio University, and is a teacher in her native township. Ada Lena, a graduate of the McArthur High School and the Ohio University, is now an instructor in the High School at McArthur. C. Burnice is a teacher in the public schools, and completed her education in the McArthur High School and the Normal Department of the Ohio University. Mary E. died when fifteen months of age. A. Emmett is a member of the class of 1916 in the McArthur High School. All this family are members of the Vinton Chapel of the United Brethren Church, in which Mr. Swartz is trustee and steward and class leader. Politically he is a republican.

Harvey Wells. In the center of the little City of Wellston stands a statue, erected a few years ago by the people, representing and a memorial to the founder of the town, the late Harvey Wells. In his time he was one of the leading and influential citizens of Jackson County, and his character and activities well deserved this recognition especially in the locality with which he had so much to do from the beginning.

Born in Wilkesville, Vinton County, Ohio, May 29, 1846, Harvey Wells was a son of Agrippa and Hannah Wells. For a man who accomplished so much he had very meager opportunities at the beginning, and when only eleven years of age was at work learning the carpenter's

trade. That was his means of self support up to 1862, at which time he enlisted and was made a messenger in the Union army. He was soon placed in the harness-making department, learned that trade, and was promoted to foreman of the entire department. Later he enlisted as a regular soldier in the 194th Ohio Infantry under Captain Gillian, and was in the army until mustered out at Washington, D. C., in October, 1865. Even then he was only in his twentieth year, and he then set about to secure the advantages of education which had been denied him as a boy. He attended a high school in Gallia County and a commercial college at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

For a time he worked for H. S. Bundy as bookkeeper and general manager of the Latrobe Furnace store one year, then continued his education in the Ohio University at Athens two terms, and for one term was in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. He had a genius for mathematics, and out of his extensive experience in several mechanical industries he evolved in 1867 a book entitled "Wells' New System of Rapid Calculation." He had previously published several books under the same title, and for three years he was largely engaged in traveling over the various states and in that time sold about 60,000 copies. It was one of the pioneer works of the kind, and was the predecessor and basis for many subsequent editions of all manner of handbooks for rapid calculation covering every field of mechanics and trade.

After his ventures in authorship and as a publisher he took up the real estate business, and made some highly successful deals during the next six or eight months. In 1873 Mr. Wells was nominated as a candidate for the Ohio Constitutional Convention, and was elected by the republican party in his district by a majority of 472 votes. About that time he contracted with Hon. H. S. Bundy of Jackson County for 1,000 acres of land, the purchase price of which was $100,000. On part of that land in 1874 he laid out the Town of Wellston, and later organized a joint stock company and sold the entire tract of land for $150,000. From that time until his death, which occurred October 23, 1896, he was closely and influentially identified with the welfare of the town which now bears his name. He also built the Eliza Furnace.

On June 22, 1875, Harvey Wells married Miss Eliza M., the youngest daughter of Hon. H. S. Bundy. To their union was born one son, Harvey B., on May 30, 1877.

Harvey B. Wells since attaining manhood has been one of the active citizens of Wellston and is carrying forward many of the interests with which his father was formerly connected. He was educated in the common schools of Wellston and in the Ohio Military Institute at Cincinnati, and was also a student at Ohio University in Athens. For

some years he was clerk for Col. William E. Bundy. On March 28, 1904, Harvey B. Wells married Miss Esther Elliott, daughter of Neil W. Elliott of Wellston.

JOHN J. MCKITTERICK. The career of Mr. McKitterick has been significantly marked by initiative and constructive ability and he has long been recognized as one of the representative merchants of the fine little City of Jackson, judicial center of the county of the same name, besides which he has been prominent and influential in the development of the coal mining industry in this section of the state. Mr. McKitterick is a native son of Jackson County, where his father established his home more than sixty years ago and within a short time after his immigration from the fair old Emerald Isle.

John James McKitterick was born on a farm one-half mile distant from the courthouse of Jackson County, Ohio, and the date of his nativity was October 9, 1850. His father, John McKitterick, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, on the 14th of January, 1814, and bore the full patronymic of his father, John McKitterick, Sr., who was a native of Scotland and who removed thence to County Tyrone, Ireland, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and where he passed the residue of his life. This sturdy Scotch ancestor was twice married and the maiden name of his second wife was Jones: she was a resident of the vicinity of Six Mile Cross, County Tyrone, Ireland, at the time of her death. Thomas and James McKitterick were sons of the first marriage, and from County Armagh, Ireland, both emigrated to America and became residents of Jackson County, Ohio, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Four sons were born of the second marriage and all of the number came to the United States: Jonas settled in Jackson County, Ohio, where he died a bachelor; William eventually returned to Ireland, where he passed the residue of his life; Edward settled at Burlington, Iowa, and in that state he reared his family of ten children; and the fourth of the sons of the second marriage was John, father of him whose name initiates this review.

John McKitterick was reared and educated in his native county and there continued his residence until 1846, when he came to the United States, the sailing vessel on which he took passage having been so buffeted and tempest-tossed that it did not arrive at its destination until after the lapse of three months. After landing in the port of New York City Mr. McKitterick came forthwith to Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, where he joined his cousin, named McKell, who there conducted a queensware and general crockery store. After clerking three years in the establishment of his cousin Mr. McKitterick removed to Jackson County and

settled on the farm which was the birthplace of his son John J., of this sketch. He purchased this property finally from his father-in-law, though his wife's eventual heritage from her father's estate covered to a large extent the purchase price. Mr. McKitterick turned his positive and effective energies to diversified farming and stock growing, was distinctly successful and became also a prosperous buyer and shipper of livestock. He continued his association with these lines of enterprise for nearly forty years and continued to reside on his fine old homestead farm until his death, which occurred in August, 1893.

In Jackson County was solemnized the marriage of John McKitterick to Miss Maria Louise Crookham, who was born in a pioneer log house about 1½ miles distant from the county courthouse, in the year 1829, her father having been one of the sterling pioneers of Jackson County. She was a daughter of George L. Crookham, who is supposed to have been a native of the State of Pennsylvania and who came to Jackson County, Ohio, in an early day. Here he became one of the pioneer salt-boilers and here also he entered claim to a large tract of Government land, near the present city limits of Jackson. He instituted the herculean task of reclaiming a farm from the wilderness and his original log house continued to be the family domicile for many years. Alert mental powers and well directed self-discipline made him a man of really liberal education, and he gained reputation for being one of the best mathematicians in the State of Ohio, with wonderful facility in the solving of the most intricate and difficult problems. In addition to reclaiming and improving his farm he was one of the early and successful school teachers in Jackson County and became a citizen of much prominence and influence in the community. Implacable in his opposition to human slavery, he became, in the climacteric period leading up to the Civil war, one of the strong abolitionists in this section of Ohio and his home was one of the stations on the historic "underground railway" through which many unfortunate slaves were assisted on their way to Canada and to freedom. Many such fugitive negroes found shelter and food at his home, and his broad humanitarian spirit was otherwise shown in connection with the varied relations of his strong and noble life. He continued to reside on his old homestead until his death and continued to teach school up to the time he was attacked by his final illness. Mr. Crookham was but five feet and five inches in height, but such was his latitudinal expansion that he weighed more than 300 pounds. His was a large heart and a large mind, and his name merits enduring place on the roll of the honored and revered pioneers of Jackson County. Mr. Crookham married Miss Sarah Lake, whose death occurred in 1851, and they became the parents of sixteen children.

Mrs. Maria L. (Crookham) McKitterick died at the age of thirty-eight years, after having become the mother of five sons and two daughters, the latter of whom, Lulu and Lizzie, died when young. The names of the sons are here entered in respective order of birth: John J., George C., William T., Samuel G., and Edward.

John J. McKitterick, whose name initiates this article, passed the days of his boyhood and youth on the old homestead farm and after availing himself of the advantages of the district school, in what was known as the Brown schoolhouse, he supplemented this discipline by attending the public schools of Jackson, Prof. Charles S. Smart having at the time been principal of the same. In 1869, when eighteen years of age, Mr. McKitterick made an overland trip, with team and wagon, over the virgin prairies of Kansas and incidentally visited the Cherokee Strip, at that time held entirely by the Indians. Finally he established his residence at Clermont, Nodaway County, Missouri, where he was engaged in the general mercantile business two years. He then traded his store and business for a farm in that county and for the ensuing two years he gave his active supervision to his farm, besides which he taught in the local district schools during the winter terms. In 1873 he returned to his native county and rented his father's farm. He purchased of his father also an appreciable number of milch cows and for a year thereafter he conducted a dairy business, which he then sold to his brother George. Soon afterward he traded his Missouri farm for coal lands in Lick Township, Jackson County, and after selling an interest in this property to his brother William they were there associated in the operation of the field until the major part of the coal was exhausted, the land having then been leased to another operator.

In 1877 Mr. McKitterick purchased in the City of Jackson the property at the northwest corner of Bridge and Warren Streets, and he then traded a quantity of the coal that he and his brother had mined and received in return a small stock of meat and flour, which, with a few groceries, formed the basis of the operations which he then instituted as a merchant, his entire stock having been worth not more than $300. Later he admitted George Gilliland to partnership in the enterprise, and about a year later his brother George purchased Mr. Gilliland's interest, whereupon the firm became known as McKitterick Brothers. From this time forward the business showed a cumulative tendency and to accommodate the ever increasing trade the brothers finally erected, in 1885, a substantial brick building of two stories, with a frontage of 46 and a depth of 70 feet, this building still being the headquarters of the extensive and representative grocery and provision business that is now conducted individually by the subject of this sketch, though his sons

Harry and Thomas, both enterprising and popular young business men, now have the active management of the store.

After having purchased, about 1886, a coal mine on the Scott farm, Mr. McKitterick and his brother George opened and developed the same, the operation of which they continued until they sold the lease and business to the firm of Jones & Morgan. At Ada, Jackson County, they then leased of Captain Davis, a tract of sixty-five acres of land, and on this they opened and developed what is known as the McKitterick Brothers' Slope Mine. In 1899 Mr. McKitterick purchased his brother's interest in the mercantile business and the building in which the same is conducted, and he has since continued the sole owner of the large and prosperous business, in the conducting of which he has found his two sons most effective coadjutors.

As a citizen Mr. McKitterick is progressive and public spirited, and he served two terms as a member of the city council of Jackson. He is unwavering in his allegiance to the cause of the republican party and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens Building and Loan Association of Jackson, and became a director and vice president of the same, besides having served twenty-three years as a member of its appraisement committee. At the expiration of this period he resigned his executive position with the association. His brother George is now the principal stockholder and the president of the Russell Coal and Iron Company and resides in the City of Cleveland, the two having been long and pleasantly associated in their business activities in Jackson County.

Mr. McKitterick is a prominent and appreciative representative of the Masonic fraternity in his home county. Here he is affiliated with Trowel Lodge No. 132, Free and Accepted Masons; Trowel Chapter No. 73, Royal Arch Masons; Jackson Council No. 70, Royal and Select Masters; and Jackson Commandery No. 53, Knights Templars, of which he is captain-general at the opening of the year 1914. In this time-honored fraternity he received the initial degree of entered apprentice on the 17th of December, 1875, and on the 17th of March of the following year was conferred upon him the sublime degree of Master Mason. In the chivalric body of the York Rite Mr. McKitterick was originally affiliated with the commandery in the City of Chillicothe, but he later became a charter member of the commandery at Jackson and has been prominent in its affairs from the time of its organization. He is a charter member also of Otoe Tribe No. 82, Improved Order of Red Men, and of Jackson Lodge No. 466, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is past exalted ruler. Mr. McKitterick is a member of Jackson County Liquor License Board, under Governor Willis. Both he and

his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, though their parents were members of the Presbyterian Church. The attractive family home, at 403 Chillicothe Street, is a fine two-story brick residence, situated on an acre of ground, adorned with fine trees and shrubbery, and with Mrs. McKitterick as its gracious and popular chatelaine the home is a center of much of the representative social activity of the community.

On the 25th of December, 1876, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McKitterick to Miss Elizabeth McKitterick, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Pringle) McKitterick, of Jackson County. Mr. and Mrs. McKitterick have three sons,—Harry John, Thomas Edward and William George.

Henry C. Smith. A farmer undertaker is not a usual combination of business activities. In the Lotus Grove community of Jackson Township, in Vinton County, it is the general reputation of Henry C. Smith that everything he has undertaken has responded well to his efforts. His country estate is probably one of the finest in its improvements in Vinton County. By profession he is a licensed embalmer and undertaker, and has set up in the business in that rural community, and has gathered about him all the facilities required for an expert and careful service.

His career as an embalmer and undertaker has covered the last fifteen years. He keeps two hearses and has a special building to house his stock of caskets and other materials required in the business. He received his license as an embalmer before he set up in independent business as an undertaker, and was one of the first to take out a license after the state law went into effect.

His farm comprises 225 acres, most of it broken and under cultivation.

Henry C. Smith was born in Jackson Township July 22, 1878, and is still a young man in years, though a veteran in business experience. He received a liberal education, having attended the public schools and the Normal at McArthur and completed his training in the Ohio University at Athens. The first five years of his active career were spent as a teacher. He then came to the section of Jackson Township where he now makes his home, and bought the farm which has undergone many developments since he took charge. His house is a model of the kind in the country community, comprising nine rooms, all modern in equipment and furniture, and with a supply of natural gas for lighting and heating.

Mr. Smith is a son of Mathias and Harriet (Coultrap) Smith. His mother is a sister of Judge Henry Coultrap, the prominent and well-known citizen of McArthur. Mathias Smith was born in Hocking County

near the Vinton County line in 1840. When he was still a child he lost his father and his mother also died when he was very young. He therefore grew up among strangers, spending part of his early youth in Vinton County. He was married in this county and somewhat later his industry and thrift enabled him to buy 200 acres of land in Jackson Township. There he spent his years as a prosperous farmer, and passed away in September, 1908. His wife, who was born in 1843, died in 1911. Both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he was a republican and held several local offices.

Henry C. Smith is one of a family of three sons and four daughters, six of whom are living, all of them married and with children of their own. His brother Jaspér is a member of the firm of Hamilton & Smith, who conduct a large department store at McArthur, Jasper Smith having charge of the grocery department.

In Swan Township of Vinton County Henry C. Smith married Miss Doretta Johnston, who was born in that township August 19, 1881. She was reared and educated there in the public schools. Her parents, Sanford and Mary (Bray) Johnston, were both born in Vinton County and still live on their good farm in Swan Township. They were the parents of two children, a girl and boy. Thomas was born in 1882, and is now a physician practicing in Mount Gilead, Ohio. He was graduated at Ohio State University at Columbus. Mrs. Johnston is a member and one of the most active workers in the Locust Grove Church. Mr. Johnston has for many years been a leading factor in republican politics in this county. He has served two terms as county commissioner.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born, on March 12, 1907, twin daugters, named Mary and Martha, both of whom are now in the third grade of the public schools. Both Mr. Smith and wife are active members of the Locust Grove Methodist Church, in which he is now superintendent of the Sunday School and a member of the board of stewards. In politics he is a republican.

Rufus H. Wyman. Of the varied lines of business enterprise effectively represented in the progressive little City of McArthur, Vinton County, one that is maintained at specially high standard is that of the firm of Wyman & Gorsuch, who are dealers in and manufacturers of the highest grāde of artistic granite and marble monuments and other cemetery appurtenances of similar order. In their well equipped establishment, eligibly situated on East Main Street, are handled the finest grades of domestic and imported granite and marble monuments and the business of the firm extends into all parts of Vinton County, as well as into contiguous counties. Of this representative firm Mr. Wyman

is the senior member and he is known as one of the essentially progressive business men and public spirited citizens of McArthur, where he has been established in his present line of enterprise since August 3, 1903, his coadjutor being Nichols Gorsuch. The well equipped shop of this firm is a substantial brick building 35x54 feet in dimensions, and the same was erected in the spring of 1915, to provide adequate accommodations for the constantly increasing business.

Rufus H. Wyman was born in Elk Township, Vinton County, on the 19th of July, 1859, and the old homestead farm which was the place of his nativity is situated only a few miles distant from McArthur, the county seat. Though in his youth he was enabled to avail himself of the advantages of the village schools of McArthur, and that he made good use of these opportunities is evidenced by the fact that in 1877 he proved himself eligible for the pedagogic profession and became a successful teacher in the rural schools of his native county. Through study and practical experience he acquired virtually a liberal education, and he continued his services as one of the able and popular teachers in the schools of this section of the state for somewhat more than eleven years and up to the time when he engaged in his present business enterprise, in 1903.

Mr. Wyman is a son of Levi Wyman, who was born in the State of New York about the year 1815 and who was a boy at the time of the family emigration to Ohio. His father became one of the pioneer settlers of what is now Elk Township, Vinton County, where he entered claim to Government land and instituted the development of a farm from the forest wilds. He became one of the representative farmers and influential citizens of the pioneer community and both he and his wife continued to reside on the old homestead until their death. Levi Wyman was reared to manhood under the conditions and influences of the pioneer era and early began to assist in the reclamation and cultivation of the home farm, the while he availed himself of the somewhat primitive facilities of the schools of the locality and period. He eventually succeeded to the ownership of the farm which had been obtained from the Government by his father, and he continued to be there one of the successful exponents of agricultural and livestock industrial enterprise during the residue of his long and useful life, his death having occurred about a quarter of a century ago. He was a man of steadfast integrity and strong mentality, was well and favorably known in this section of Ohio and commanded unqualified esteem in the county of which virtually his entire life was passed. His political proclivities were indicated by the staunch support which he gave to the republican party

and both he and his wife were earnest adherents of the Christian Church, in which he held official position for many years.

In Vinton County Levi Wyman wedded Miss Sarah T. Cox, who was born and reared in this county and who survived by a number of years, she having been nearly eighty years of age when she passed to the life eternal, in 1899. They became the parents of four sons and five daughters and the first born was Sarah, who died within a comparatively few years after her marriage and who left no children. Nancy is the wife of David B. Dye, a prosperous farmer of Clinton Township, and they have two sons and one daughter. John continued his residence in Vinton County until his death and was survived by his wife and three daughters. James is now a successful orange-grower in the State of California and has one son. Joseph, who was a patternmaker by trade and vocation, was a resident of Nelsonville, Athens County, Ohio, at the time of his death, and was survived by his wife and two sons, his widow being now deceased. Eliza became the wife of Justin H. Smith, a telegraph operator, and she died while a resident of Chillicothe, Ross County, being survived by her husband, two sons and one daughter. Martha, who died in 1914, at Jackson, judicial center of the Ohio county of the same name, first became the wife of William F. Mapes, and after his death she wedded Robert E. Reives, two children of the first marriage surviving her and there having been no children by the second marriage. Rufus H., of this review, was the next in order of birth. Miss Alice, the youngest of the children, resides in the home of her sister Nancy, Mrs. David B. Dye.

He whose name introduces this article has never wavered in his allegiance to the republican party and is well fortified in his convictions concerning matters of economic and governmental policy. He has served several years as township assessor of Elk Township and is the incumbent of this office at the present time, 1915. For the past thirty years he has been actively affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, as a member of which he has passed all of the official chairs in the McArthur lodge, in which he is now master of finance. He attends and gives liberal support to the local Christian Church, in the faith of which he was reared and of which his wife is a zealous member.

In Scioto County, in 1883, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wyman to Miss Maggie A. White, who was born in that county on the 20th of January, 1856, and who was there reared and educated. She is a daughter of Asa and Elizabeth (Irwin) White, who likewise were natives of that county, where the respective families were founded in the early pioneer days. Mr. White was a prosperous farmer of Scioto County at the time of his death, about twenty-eight years ago, and his

widow, who celebrated, in 1915, her seventy-eighth birthday anniversary, died March 3, 1916, in the City of Portsmouth, that county, she having long been a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of the fourteen children of this venerable pioneer woman all but one attained to adult age and the most of them are still living and well established in life. In the concluding paragraph of this sketch is given brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wyman.

Miss Cora remains at the parental home. Lelia is the wife of Russel Rudolph, of Sugar Grove, Fairfield County, and they have one daughter, Eileen. Linnie is the wife of Harry Rumbaugh, and they are associated in the millinery business at Lebanon, Indiana, no children having been born to them. Estella is the wife of Grover Smith, who is engaged in the restaurant business at McArthur, and they have one son, Earl. Harry was graduated in the McArthur High School and is now a member of the class of 1917 in the Ohio State University. Mary and Helen are attending the public schools of McArthur and the former is a member of the class of 1916 in the high school.

Eben Jones. President of the Globe Iron Furnace Company at Jackson, Eben Jones is one of the veteran ironmasters in the Hanging Rock Iron Region. His name is one that has been associated with iron manufacturing and furnaces in Southern Ohio for upwards of sixty years.

On a farm near Lampeter in Cardiganshire, Wales, Eben Jones was born June 14, 1834; only about half a mile distant from his birthplace, on another farm, his father, Thomas T. Jones, was born. The latter was reared and educated in his native shire and when a young man began dealing in horses. These horses were bought and collected in Wales and taken to markets in England and France. In 1837 Thomas T. Jones brought his family to America. They all embarked on a sail vessel which carried them to one of the principal ports in Wales, and there they took passage on a boat loaded with lumber and with only a few passengers. After two months on the voyage they landed at New York. Their destination was the West, and at a time when railroad building had hardly begun in the United States they went by stage coach to Philadelphia, and by combined stage and canal boat west to Pittsburg. After remaining at Pittsburg about six months, they went on to Palmyra, Ohio, which was their home about a year, and thence on to Cleveland, where they took passage on a canal boat that brought them south to Chillicothe, and from there with wagon and team they penetrated the heavy forests that then covered Jackson County. Jackson County at

that time was an almost unbroken wilderness and there were neither canals nor railroads.

Here Thomas T. Jones bought 120 acres of land twelve miles south of Jackson. Three acres had been cleared, and there was a log house which furnished the first shelter for the Jones family. Later Thomas T. Jones sold his first land and bought a tract half a mile distant, with twenty acres of cleared ground. The substantial hewed loghouse which he erected there was then considered one of the best farmhouses in the county. For a number of years he superintended the improvement of his land, though much of his time was demanded by other interests. When, in 1851, the Scioto and Hocking Valley Railroad, now the Baltimore and Ohio, was commenced, he contracted to build a section. When this was completed in 1853 he became a factor in the iron industry by organizing the Jefferson Furnace Company, of which he was financial agent. Later, with John D. Davis, Lot Davis, L. T. Hughes and Dr. S. Williams, he was one of the organizers of the Buckeye Furnace. He finally moved to a home near the Village of Oak Hill and spent his last years there retired. His death came as the result of an accident at the age of eighty-four. Thomas T. Jones married Mary Edwards, who was born in Cardiganshire, Wales, a daughter of David Edwards. Her death occurred at the age of sixty-five. The nine children which she reared were named Ann, Thomas, David, Eben, Margaret, Elizabeth, Edward, John and Mary. The four youngest were born in the United States.

Eben Jones was less than four years of age when the family came to the United States. He grew up in Jackson County, his earliest recollections being associated with the heavily forested country and with the primitive conditions which then prevailed in this section of Ohio. For part of his education he attended a primitive country school but was afterwards a student in the old Ohio University at Athens and also had a course in Bartlett's Commercial College at Cincinnati. His education was much more liberal than was supplied to most men of the time, and for a number of years he employed these advantages by teaching school. His first term was taught at Jefferson Furnace, and his wages were $1.00 a day. Later his salary increased to $75.00 a month, and altogether he put in about six years in this useful calling. In the meantime he had become interested in the iron business, and made his first investment as a stockholder in the Cambria Furnace. Subsequently he became a contractor for getting out iron ore at the Jefferson Furnace.

His business career was interrupted by the war. In 1864 he enlisted in Company C of the 179th Ohio Infantry. Before his enlistment he had assisted Captain Jenkins in recruiting and had raised a company

of eighty men which he took to Ironton, where all but sixteen were accepted. He then recruited twenty-one more and went with them to Columbus, where, when four were rejected, he found recruits to take their places. In this way he had raised a full company and was himself mustered in as first lieutenant. He went south first into Kentucky and then into Tennessee. This was during the last year of the war, and the chief battle in which he participated was at Nashville in December, 1864, when the resistance of the Confederate forces in the West was effectually broken with the complete defeat of Hood's army. He remained on duty with his command at Nashville until after the close of the war, and was honorably discharged. On returning to Jefferson Furnace Mr. Jones taught another term of school and then became secretary and treasurer of the Buckeye Furnace. In 1873 he took the leading part in the organization of the Globe Iron Company at Jackson, and was made its secretary and treasurer. With that organization he has been identified more than forty years, has been one of the chief factors in its successful operation, and is now serving as president, while his son John E. is secretary, treasurer and general manager. Mr. Jones is also a stockholder and director in several banks and in other corporations. He is easily one of the leading factors in business affairs in the Hanging Rock Iron Region.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Jones began his practical career without any capital though with a liberal education, as has already been noted. His first savings came from his salary as a school teacher at $1.00 a day. When he bought stock in the Cambria Furnace, as already noted, he paid one-half in cash and the rest in notes. This was a profitable business, and the notes were paid from the dividend of the company. From that time on his advancement was rapid and substantial and he has never had any serious setbacks in his business career.

In early manhood and before the Civil war, in August, 1857, Mr. Jones married Miss Ann Williams. She was born in Wales, a daughter of Morgan and Margaret Williams. Mrs. Jones died in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Jones reared six sons and one daughter, namely: Thomas A., Edwin, John E., Emma, Newton, Charles D. and Frederick E. The sons are all prominent and successful business men in affairs of the county and state of which their ancestors were among the pioneers. Mr. Jones also has twenty-five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Jones is a member of the Presbyterian Church as was his wife. He has fraternal affiliations with Trowel Lodge No. 132, Free and Accepted Masons; Trowel Chapter No. 73, Royal Arch Masons and Jackson Commandery No. 53, Knights Templar.

Hon. Otto E. Vollenweider. One of the most promising of the men who are governing Ohio's affairs, if the achievements of the past may be taken as a criterion for the future, is Hon. Otto E. Vollenweider, member of the Ohio State Senate, representing the Eighth District. As a lawyer of force and learning he brought himself prominently into the public eye, and he was soon recognized as being possessed of the qualifications necessary for public service. In the State Senate he has made a well established reputation as a hard, conscientious and successful worker.

Mr. Vollenweider was born at Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, August 26, 1867, and is a son of John and Tina (Vollenweider) Vollenweider. His parents, natives of Weinfelden, in the Canton of Thurgau, Switzerland, came of a fine old Swiss family, well educated and of a mechanical turn. John Vollenweider was granted good educational advantages, early displayed the possession of the family's inclination for mechanics, and was given every chance to develop this faculty. He thus became a skilled mechanic and scientific machinist, and followed his vocation in his native land until his marriage, shortly after which event he came to the United States and took up his residence at Chillicothe, Ohio. There he followed his trade until 1872, in which year, with his family, he moved to Hamden, Vinton County, there purchasing the Hamden Foundry and its combined machine shops. Later he associated himself with the well-known iron founder, H. S. Bundy, and they continued to conduct the iron works until Mr. Vollenweider's death, in 1898. Mr. Vollenweider was a prominent man in the work of the Reformed Church, as is also his widow, who still survives at the age of seventy-five years. Mr. Vollenweider was a stalwart republican but took little more than a good citizen's interest in public affairs, although he was always a force in promoting movements for the welfare of his community. There were three children in the family: Otto E., of this notice; Lillie, who is the wife of Dr. A. G. Ray of Jackson, and has two sons; and Lena, who is the wife of Dr. W. J. Ogier of Wellston.

The early education of Otto E. Vollenweider was secured in the public schools of Hamden. He showed a predilection for the law when still a youth, and expressed the ambition to succeed in that profession, an aim which has since been so fully and generously realized. His legal studies were prosecuted in the law department of the University of Lexington, Kentucky, where he was graduated in 1889, and in Cincinnati Law School in 1891, and in that same year he was admitted to the bar and established himself in practice at McArthur. In 1892 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Vinton, and from that time to the present has been constantly in office. In 1896 he received the re-election for

prosecuting attorney, and following his second term he was made city attorney, an office which he held as long as he cared to, finally resigning. In the election of 1914 Mr. Vollenweider became the candidate of the republican party for senator from the Eighth Senatorial District of Ohio, and, in recognition of his past valuable services, the people gave him a handsome majority at the polls. The Eighth District includes Gallia, Lawrence, Meigs and Vinton counties, and since he took his seat, in January, 1915, the voters of these communities have had no reason to complain of lack of representation. He is chairman on the committee on judiciary, an honor seldom conferred on a new member, and belongs also to the committees on public utilities, courts, taxation, colleges, medical societies, municipal commissions, prison and prison reforms, and state buildings. A hard worker in the interests of his constituents, he has won their confidence and gratitude, and it is not improbable that he could gain at their hands any office which he desired. Mr. Vollenweider has held other offices, among which was that of member of the building commission, of seven members, appointed by Governor Willis.

At Lexington, Kentucky, Senator Vollenweider was united in marriage with a lady of the Blue Grass State, Miss Ethel Heacox, a member of an old and distinguished family, a graduate of Hamilton University, and a lady of many graces and accomplishments. Her parents, who are both deceased, were Lester and Mary Heacox, natives of Lexington, Kentucky. Senator and Mrs. Vollenweider have no children. They are leading members of the Christian Church, in which the senator is Sunday school superintendent, and both are Sunday school teachers.

Roy McElhaney. Public service has been rendered Scioto County by a former clerk of courts, Roy McElhaney, who has served in that public position for two terms. He represents a couple of old families in this section of Ohio, and is himself a native of Scioto County and has been known to the people of this vicinity since childhood.

Roy McElhaney was born on a farm in Clay Township, Scioto County, October 18, 1878. His father, Reed Alexander McElhaney, was born in Union Township. Grandfather George Washington McElhaney, was born in the north of Ireland of Scotch ancestry. When a young man he and two of his brothers came to America and located in Philadelphia, and to the education acquired in his native land he added in Philadelphia a course in medicine. Coming to Ohio Doctor McElhaney first located at Martin's Ferry, and from there came to Scioto County and bought a farm in Union Township. While most of his time and energies were devoted to the farm, he also practiced as a physician and did an important service to the community, particularly in answering

Roy W. Chaney.

emergency calls. He continued a resident farmer until his death. Reed Alexander McElhaney, the father, was educated in the public schools of Scioto County, was employed as a clerk and accountant, and after the death of his wife moved from Clay Township to Springfield, Ohio, where he was bookkeeper in a bank. At the opening of the Oklahoma Territory to white settlement in 1889, he participated in that movement and spent his last days in the Oklahoma country.

Reed A. McElhaney married Emma Alice Stevens, who was born in Portsmouth. Her mother, Angeline Ripley, was born near Madison, Indiana, November 20, 1826, and for eighty-two years has lived in the City of Portsmouth. Her father, a great-grandfather of Roy McElhaney, was William Plum Ripley, a native of New York State and a son of Pyram Ripley, who was born in Duxbury, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, November 22, 1762, at the age of thirteen began service on the Frigate Oliver Cromwell, and soon after participated in a sea fight. From Massachusetts he moved to New York State, was a pioneer of Cattarauguas County, and spent his last years there, passing away March 23, 1842. The maiden name of his wife was Hannah Plum, and they reared a large family. Their son, William Plum Ripley, was reared and educated in New York State and about 1816 moved to Indiana accompanied by his wife and two children. They journeyed with teams to Pittsburg and came down the river in a keel boat. William P. Ripley bought some timbered land about seven miles from Madison, Indiana, built a two-story hewed loghouse, and that was for the time the best residence in that section. He improved quite a tract of land and lived there until 1842, when he sold out and came to Portsmouth, taking a team as far as Lawrenceburg, and thence by river passage on the steamer Preston. Portsmouth was only a small settlement at the time, and the greater portion of the land included in the present city limits was covered with timber and brush. His work in early Portsmouth was as clerk, and after the death of his wife he returned to Indiana and taught school. His last years, however, were spent in Portsmouth and he died at the home of a daughter. The maiden name of his wife was Cynthia Spencer, who was born in New York State and died in 1834, having reared seven children. Calvin Jefferson Stevens, who married Angeline Ripley, and was the grandfather on the maternal side of Roy McElhaney, was born in Tennessee, and was about sixteen years of age when he accompanied his widowed mother to Portsmouth. Having learned the trade of brickmaker, his work for some years was as foreman of a brick plant, and he then engaged in manufacturing brick on his own account and conducted a successful business until his death in 1876 at the age of fifty-one. It was in 1844 that he married Angeline Ripley. She is

still living in Portsmouth, hale and hearty at the advanced age of eighty-nine. She reared five children: Emma Alice, Anthony Wayne, Calvin Jefferson, Jr., Clara Belle and William Plum.

After the death of his mother Roy McElhaney lived with his paternal grandparents at Portsmouth and was educated in the city schools. His first work and means of self-support was as a newsboy. Subsequently he was engaged in various occupations until his entry into public affairs. His first position was as city appraiser, and in 1910 he was elected clerk of courts on the republican ticket, and re-elected in 1912. At the second term he was elected by a large majority when in most counties throughout the country the democrats were in the ascendency. In 1914 Mr. McElhaney was candidate at the primary elections for Congress and carried Scioto County by a large majority. One of the leaders in the Scioto County party, he has served as chairman of the republican city committee in 1913, and is now a member of the county executive committee.

Mr. McElhaney is affiliated with Massie Lodge No. 115, Knights of Pythias; with Seneca Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men; with River City Camp No. 129, Woodmen of the World; Peerless Hurd, Loyal Order of Moose; and Royal Nest No. 1316 of the Owls. His church is the First Presbyterian in Portsmouth. Through his efficiency in the management of his office, his influential position in public affairs, Mr. McElhaney undoubtedly has a large career of usefulness before him, since he is one of the younger men in politics.

Frank D. Campbell, M. D. To no profession do greater opportunities for quiet and effective social service come than to the medical fraternity, and a physician and surgeon who has well utilized and accepted his privileges for faithful performance and skillful work is Dr. Frank D. Campbell, who has spent over twenty years in his profession in the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and is now located at Coal Grove in Lawrence County.

Frank D. Campbell was born in Burlington, Lawrence County, Ohio, October 17, 1867. His parents were William A. and Rebecca (Dillon) Campbell. Grandfather Dillon was a prominent early citizen of Lawrence County, and for many years administered the duties of justice of the peace, and during that time was a terror to evildoers, through his strict and stern administration of justice and the law. William A. Campbell was born in Fayette Township of Lawrence County in 1839, served as county clerk for one term, has been an active farmer during many years, and now lives at Burlington, Lawrence County. The mother was born at Burlington in 1841. Their children are: Frank D., Fannie M., Edward E. and George H.

Dr. Frank D. Campbell was educated in the Fayette Township schools until eighteen years of age, then spent three years as a teacher, and with the means thus supplied entered the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati and was graduated M. D. in 1894. His practice began the same year at Rock Camp, in Lawrence County, and continued there until he removed to Coal Grove on October 1, 1912. Doctor Campbell has a large general practice in medicine and minor surgery. He has membership in the County and State Medical societies and the American Medical Association.

Doctor Campbell married Mary A. Williams of Burlington, Ohio. They have one child, Dorothy M. Doctor Campbell is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a democrat in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Coal Grove. He is the owner of a comfortable residence in that city and other real estate. Outside of the profession to which he has given his best energies for twenty years, Doctor Campbell acknowledges as his principal hobby the art of photography, in which he is exceedingly skillful.

Francis B. Steele. In the social, religious and general communal activities of Swan Township, Vinton County, Mr. Steele and his wife have a place of prominence and influence, and that they represent the best element of citizenship needs not be said, for their kindliness and their other gracious attributes of character have made their influence in all respects benignant and have given them impregnable vantage ground in popular confidence and esteem. Mr. Steele is one of the enterprising and substantial farmers of Vinton County, and this is the more pleasing to note by reason of his being a native son of this county and a scion of one of its sterling pioneer families.

Francis Benydict Steele was born in Swan Township, Vinton County, Ohio, on the 2d of May, 1859, and is a son of James and Nancy (Brown) Steele, who were born and reared in Muskingum County, Ohio, where their marriage was solemnized and where the father continued his activities as an agriculturist until after the birth of their first three children—Tamyson, Henry and Hamilton. About the year 1840 the family removed to Vinton County, and here James Steele purchased a farm in Swan Township. He put forth energy and good judgment in the developing and improving of his homestead and made the same one of the excellent farms of the county. He and his wife here passed the remainder of their long and useful lives, secure in the high regard of all who knew them. Mr. Steele, who passed away somewhat more than a quarter of a century ago, was seventy-three years of age when he died, and his widow attained to the age of eighty-eight years, the remains of

both resting in the Ebenezer Cemetery, in Swan Township. They were most earnest and zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the support of which they contributed liberally and in which Mr. Steele gave effective service in the offices of trustee and class reader. He was a loyal and intelligent supporter of the principles of the republican party, with which he united at the time of its organization, and all of his sons and sons-in-law likewise became active in the ranks of this political party. Of the six children born after the family removal to Vinton County Francis B., of this review, is the youngest, and the names of the others are here entered in the respective order of birth: Reasoner, Sallie A., William, John and Priscilla. All of the nine children married and became the parents of children and all of the number are still living except Reasoner and Tamyson. None of the sons or daughters left Vinton County and the record of each denotes close and effective association with agricultural pursuits, all of the surviving children being still residents of Vinton County farms of the best class.

He whose name initiates this review, received, as did the other children, the advantages of the common schools of Vinton County, where his early experiences were those gained in connection with the home farm, to the work of which he began to contribute his quota while he was still a boy, so that, with his application in the school-room, he waxed strong in both mind and body. He continued to reside beneath the parental roof until he was twenty-two years of age, when he initiated his independent career as a farmer and stockraiser in his native township. The year 1882 recorded his purchase of his present fine homestead farm, which comprises eighty acres and nearly all of which is maintained under cultivation. The place is eligibly situated in sections 33 and 34 of Swan Township and one-fourth of a mile distant to the south of the Village of Creola, which village was named by his wife, to whom this distinction was accorded by the Hocking Valley Railroad Company when its station at that place was established.

Progressiveness and thrift have significantly marked the operations of Mr. Steele as a farmer and stockgrower and his place is one of the model farms of this section of the state, with good improvements of a permanent order, including the substantial and attractive eight-room house, which was erected by him more than a decade ago and which is modern in its appointments and facilities. Mr. Steele has not only been successful in the propagation of the various grains and other products best adapted to the soil and climate but has also shown marked circumspection and enterprise in the raising of live stock of excellent grades, particular attention having been given by him to the raising of sheep, in which he has been very successful. He and his family are active and

valued members of the Christian Church at Creola, in which he has served for a long term of years in the offices of deacon and trustee, besides which he was a member of the committee that had supervision of the erection of the present attractive and consistent church edifice. He has shown a lively and helpful interest in all community affairs and though he has had naught of ambition for public office he has shown his civic loyalty by serving most efficiently in the position of township treasurer, of which he was the incumbent for four terms. He and his sons are found arrayed as staunch advocates and supporters of the cause of the republican party.

In the spring of 1882 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Steele to Miss Tabitha D. Johnston, who was born on the old Johnston homestead farm near New Plymouth, Vinton County, on the 10th of June, 1863, and who was reared and educated in Swan Township, where her circle of friends is limited only by that of her acquaintances. She is a daughter of Thomas and Jane G. (Fee) Johnston, the former of whom was born in Perry County, this state, and the latter of whom was born and reared in Vinton County, her father, the late John Fee, having been one of the honored pioneers of this county, where he and his wife continued to reside until their death. Thomas Johnston long held prestige as one of the most prosperous farmers and honored and influential citizens of Swan Township, where he accumulated a valuable landed estate of 300 acres, his old homestead, near Creola, being one of the landmarks of Vinton County. He and his wife there continued to reside in peace and prosperity until the close of their lives, he having been a republican in his political proclivities and she having been an earnest member of the Christian Church.

Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Steele the first-born was Ella A., who died about one month prior to her eleventh birthday anniversary; Carl is one of the progressive farmers and popular citizens of Swan Township, the maiden name of his wife having been Eva Mitchell and their one child being a son, Floyd; Alma M. was a member of the class of 1916 in the high school at McArthur and remains at the parental home, one of the gifted and popular young women of her native county; and Nancy Jane is still a student in the public schools.

Don A. Martindill. The family name borne by the subject of this review has been worthily and closely linked with the history of Vinton County for nearly a century and has stood exponent of loyal and progressive citizenship as one generation has followed another on to the stage of life's mortal endeavors. Representatives of the family played a large part in the early development and progress of the county along both

civic and industrial lines, and he whose name initiates this paragraph is fully upholding the prestige of the honored name which he bears. He maintains his residence at McArthur, the judicial center of his native county, and he is now known as one of the most extensive buyers and shippers of live stock to be found engaged in this important line of industrial enterprise in Southern Ohio. None has a higher place in popular confidence and esteem in Vinton County, and his business relations have given him a broad acquaintanceship and gained him many staunch friends throughout the Hanging Rock Iron Region, to which this publication is devoted. He has served as county treasurer and has otherwise been given distinctive preferment that shows that he is not like the prophet of old and "not without honor save in his own country." He is a broad-minded, liberal and progressive citizen and representative business man who is specially entitled in a personal sense and through ancestral record to recognition in this history of the Hanging Rock Iron Region and its people.

The founder of the Martindill family in what is now Vinton County was Joseph Martindill, grandfather of him to whom this sketch is dedicated. This sterling pioneer was a native of Virginia and a scion of a family that was founded in the historic Old Dominion in the early colonial era of our national history. Joseph Martindill was born in what is now Greenbriar County, West Virginia, nearly a century and a quarter ago, and the family lineage traces back to staunch Scotch-Irish origin. As a young man Joseph Martindill came to Gallia County, Ohio, about the time of the War of 1812, and there he met and married Miss Ellen Claypool, who likewise was born in the Ohio River region of what is now West Virginia, both the Martindill and Claypool families having early become prominent and influential in the Greenbriar District of Virginia, long before the erection of the State of West Virginia. After the birth of their first child Joseph Martindill and his wife came to what is now Richland Township, Vinton County, where they established their pioneer home in the year 1820. Mr. Martindill obtained a tract of Government land and set to himself the herculean task of reclaiming a farm from the forest wilderness. In a little log cabin of most primitive order was established the family home, and he and his devoted wife loyally and bravely bore their full share of the hardships and arduous labors that ever fall to the lot of the pioneers in a new and sparsely settled region. Peace and happiness found abiding place in the little home, and with the passing years increasing prosperity was not denied, so that the household affairs were ordered in such a way as to make ample provision for the parents and the increasing brood of sturdy children. Joseph Martindill brought an appreciable part of his land

under effective cultivation and continued to reside on his old homestead until his death, when he was about forty-five years of age, his widow living to attain the venerable age of somewhat more than ninety years and the names of both meriting enduring place on the roll of the honored pioneers who contributed to the initial development and upbuilding of Vinton County. Both were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and were closely identified with the organizing of the first church of this denomination in Richland Township. Mr. Martindill was a man of probity and strong individuality, and his character and mentality well fitted him for leadership in popular thought and action in the pioneer community, his political allegiance having been given to the whig party. In the following paragraph it is possible to offer brief data concerning the children of Joseph and Ellen (Claypool) Martindill.

James became a pioneer farmer in the State of Iowa, where both he and his wife passed the closing period of their lives and where they reared their children to years of maturity. David was a prosperous farmer and carpenter in Vinton County, Ohio, for many years, and here he and his wife died when well advanced in years, being survived by a number of children. Mrs. Margaret Jolly and her husband both died in Vinton County when well advanced in years and their one surviving son is now residing in one of the western states. William was the father of the subject of this review and concerning him specific mention will be made in later paragraphs. Mary, who is the widow of Anthony Cassill, resides in the immediate vicinity of the place of her birth, in Richland Township, Vinton County, and in 1915 she celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday anniversary. Of her children the only one surviving is a daughter, and she resides with her mother. Harriet is the widow of Lemuel Talbott and resides near Wellston, Jackson County, where her two surviving children, both sons, likewise maintain their home.

William Martindill was born on the old pioneer homestead in Richland Township, Vinton County, in the year 1822, was reared to manhood under the conditions and influences of the pioneer days and eventually succeeded to the ownership of a considerable portion of the landed estate that had been accumulated by his father. He continued thereafter to be one of the representative agriculturists and stockgrowers of Vinton County until his death, which occurred in December, 1870. He was one of the honored and influential citizens of Richland Township, was a supporter of the cause of the republican party from the time of its organization until the close of his life, and he served many years in the office of justice of the peace. Both he and his wife were originally members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but as there was no church of

this denomination in their neighborhood they provided themselves with religious privileges by uniting with the United Brethren Church.

While McArthur, the county seat of Vinton County, was still an unpretentious hamlet, it figured as the stage on which was solemnized the marriage of William Martindill to Miss Harriet Dowd, in the year 1854. Mrs. Martindill was born in this state in the year 1830 and was reared and educated in Vinton County. She died at the old home in Richland Township in the year 1861, her parents, Owen and Hannah (Wescott) Dowd, having immigrated from Virginia to Ohio and having become pioneer settlers of Vinton County, where they lived to attain venerable age and were held in high regard by all who knew them, both having been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Dowd having been an old-line whig in his political proclivities. Concerning the children of William and Harriet (Dowd) Martindill the following record is entered: Winfield Scott was for many years successfully engaged in the mercantile business at Hamden, Vinton County, where he died in 1914, at the age of sixty years. He wedded Miss Ella Huhn, who still maintains her home in that village and their surviving children are Ernest, Ralph, Clara, George and May. He was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also his widow, and his political support was given to the republican party. Don A., of this review, was the next in order of birth. Ella is the wife of Dr. William F. Wescott, who is now living retired in the City of Columbus, and they have one son, Dr. Roscoe C., who is there engaged in the practice of dentistry.

Don A. Martindill was born on the ancestral homestead farm in Richland Township, and the date of his nativity was January 29, 1856. In connection with the work of the farm he early learned the lessons of practical industry and gained knowledge that has proved of inestimable value to him in later years, his educational advantages in the meanwhile having been those afforded in the public schools of the locality and period. At the age of eighteen years he became teacher in a district school in his native township, and he continued for several years his effective services as a representative of the pedagogic profession. Thereafter he was engaged in independent operations as a farmer and stockgrower in Richland Township until 1896, when he was elected county treasurer, his removal to McArthur, the county seat, occurring in January, 1897, when he assumed his official duties. He gave a most careful administration of the fiscal affairs of the county and the popular estimate placed upon his service was shown by his re-election in the autumn of 1898, so that he served two consecutive terms as county treasurer. Since his retirement from this position he has been called upon to serve as a member of the city council of McArthur and also as a member of

the board of education. From the time of attaining to his legal majority Mr. Martindill has been unswerving in his allegiance to the republican party and he has been one of its active and influential representatives in his native county, which he has represented in the state, the senatorial and the county conventions of his party for many years. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church in their home city, where also he is affiliated with the lodge and chapter of the Masonic Fraternity and with the lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed the various official chairs. Since his retirement from public office Mr. Martindill has given virtually his entire time and attention to the buying and shipping of live stock, in which his extensive operations cover a broad field and give him prestige as one of the leading exponents of this line of enterprise in this section of the state.

The year 1876 bore record of the marriage of Mr. Martindill to Miss Mary L. Hudson, who likewise was born and reared in Richland Township, the date of her nativity having been May 24, 1856. Prior to her marriage she had been an efficient and popular teacher in the district schools. Mrs. Martindill is a daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Atkinson) Hudson, who were born and reared in Monroe County, this state, and who were pioneer settlers of Richland Township, Vinton County, where they passed the remainder of their lives and developed an excellent farm, each having been about seventy-five years of age at the time of death and both having been zealous members of the Methodist Church. Of the children of this honored pioneer couple two sons and two daughters are now living, and of the number Mrs. Martindill is the youngest.

In conclusion of this article is given record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Martindill: Cora E. is the widow of Dr. Frank Macklin, who was graduated in Starling Medical College, at Columbus, and who was engaged in the practice of his profession at Torlton, Pickaway County, at the time of his death, in 1910, when but twenty-five years of age. His widow and little son now reside in the home of the former's parents, at McArthur. Dr. William C. was graduated in the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Greenfield, Ohio. He wedded Miss Ethel C. Ratcliff, of Londonderry, Ross County, and they have two sons, Howard E. and Kenneth. Edward H. was graduated in the McArthur High School and is now one of the extensive and representative farmers of Ross County, where he has a farm of 400 acres under his active supervision. He married Miss Flossie Sockel, of McArthur, and they have one daughter, Mary M. Gertrude is the wife of Perry V. Gorsuch, of McArthur, and they have two children,—William and Helen Virginia. Don R., the youngest of the children, is a student in the academic or literary depart-

ment of the Ohio State University of Columbus, Ohio, and is a member of the class of 1917.

JOHN F. MCLAUGHLIN. A resident of Wellston for thirty-eight years, and now living a retired life, John F. McLaughlin was for twenty years well known to the people of this city as the proprietor of a successful cafe business, which he founded and built up to large proportions through his own efforts. Mr. McLaughlin was born near Washington Furnace, Lawrence County, Ohio, September 14, 1854, and is a son of James M. and Mary (Reynolds) McLaughlin. His father was a native of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, but for many years was interested in the coal business in Ohio, in which state were born his three children. Alice J., of Vinton County, Ohio, the widow of Isaac C. Wortman; John F.; and Jessie F., of Wellston, the widow of James F. Toumine.

John F. McLaughlin comes of Scotch stock, being a grandson of James McLaughlin, who emigrated from Scotland to the United States many years ago. He inherited his grandfather's sterling traits of industry and thrift, and after securing his education in the public schools of Lawrence County started upon his business career as a driver of teams around the charcoal furnaces. In this occupation he continued to be engaged until 1877 when, having accumulated some small capital, he came to Wellston, Jackson County, and established himself in business as the proprietor of a small cafe. Under his close application and good business management, this venture grew and developed, becoming one of the successful enterprises of its kind at Wellston, and about the year 1895 Mr. McLaughlin was able to retire with a competence. His means have been invested in city realty, and among other holdings he is the owner of the building in which the postoffice is located.

In 1891 Mr. McLaughlin was married to Miss Emma Hutchinson, who died eight months later without issue. Mr. McLaughlin is a good and public-spirited citizen, a man of strict integrity and a supporter of beneficial and progressive movements, and during his long residence at Wellston has gained a wide acquaintance, in which he has many sincere and appreciative friends.

ALLEN D. WARD. One of the most important branches of the municipal service, under modern conditions and organization, is the police department, and its management requires rare abilities of an executive character, tact in the handling of the men, courage of no small order, and a broad and comprehensive knowledge of humanity and human affairs. It was the possession of these traits that led to the appointment of Allen D. Ward as chief of police of the City of Wellston, Ohio, Jan-

uary 1, 1910, and it has also been because of these characteristics that he has continued to fill this office with excellent ability and to the general satisfaction of the property owners and tax payers.

Chief Ward was born at Center Furnace, Lawrence County, Ohio, June 11, 1856, and is a son of John P. and Catherine (Stuart) Ward. His grandfather, Jonathan Ward, was a native of Virginia, where he passed his entire career, as did also the grandmother, Mrs. Annie Ward, and they were parents of the following children: Daniel, Robert, Benjamin, Elizabeth, John, Jacob, Christopher, Peter, Anna, Betsy, Harriet, Lydia, Francis and Rebecca. John P. Ward was born in Virginia, and as a young man moved to Lawrence County, Ohio, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and where he married Catherine Stuart, who was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of the following children: Eliza, Jonathan, Celia, Allen D., Elizabeth, Isaac, Flora, Nana, George, Alice and Grant.

Allen D. Ward was reared in Lawrence and Scioto counties and received his education in the public schools. He early became interested in police work, and for a number of years was a detective with various railroad companies, finally entering the detective service of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, with which he was connected at the time of his appointment, January 1, 1910, as chief of police of Wellston. This appointment came as a result of his fearlessness as an officer, his executive ability and his faculties of detection, combined with a pleasing and courteous personality, and during the term of his incumbency as chief, Wellston has been singularly free from crime. Chief Ward belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, in both of which he has many friends, as he has also in business and professional circles. With his family he attends the Methodist Church.

In 1878 Chief Ward was married to Miss Senie Campbell, who was born May 12, 1863, and they have had seven children, as follows: John, William, Ivery and Carl, all of whom are deceased; and Grant, Alice and Ada, who survive.

Leander W. French. One of the founders of the well known wholesale grocery house at Jackson of French, Chesnut & Robbins, Leander W. French until his retirement was for many years foremost in business affairs in Jackson County, and has the distinction of having assisted in the establishment of Wellston.

Leander W. French was born on a farm two miles southwest of Jackson Courthouse on the Portsmouth Road January 26, 1839. His father was John French, who was born at Hagerstown, Maryland, May

1, 1818. The grandfather was probably also a native of Maryland, and from that state emigrated to Ohio and was one of the pioneers in Jackson County, which was his home until his death. John French was reared on a farm, followed that vocation for several years after his marriage, but finally removed to Jackson, in 1854 bought a hotel and was also engaged in the mercantile business. After that he obtained a farm in Jackson Township, and spent the rest of his career in general farming and stock raising. He died August 3, 1881, at the age of sixty-three. John French married Joanna Branchcomb, who was born in Virginia near the Maryland line August 10, 1819, a daughter of Benjamin and Tabitha Branchcomb. She died January 10, 1896, having reared eleven children whose names are Rachel, Leander, Anderson H., Thomas J., Lewis C., James M., John M., B. Harry, Joanna M., Joel S. and George W.

Leander W. French grew up chiefly in the country in Jackson County, obtained an education in the public schools and found his first practical employment in assisting his father around the hotel until 1856. In that year he went south to Nashville, Tennessee, worked as bookkeeper in a wholesale grocery house until 1861, and at the beginning of the war returned to Jackson and for one year was station agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. The next ten months were spent as clerk and bookkeeper in a hotel at Zaleski, and he then returned to Jackson and became a clerk in his father's store.

It was nearly half a century ago that Mr. French first became an independent business man. In 1866 he bought the mercantile business formerly conducted by his father and about six months later took in as partner his brother-in-law, Samuel Barber. Together they increased the stock and built up a good business as general merchants. Mr. Barber died in 1869 and Mr. French continued the business alone until 1873. He then sold out and turned his capital and enterprise to a new line of industry, becoming one of the organizers of the Milton Furnace & Coal Company. At that time the site of the present flourishing little City of Wellston was an open field, and one of the first dwelling houses erected there was put up by Mr. French. He continued to give his principal time to the management of the affairs of the company until 1875, and then sold out and returned to Jackson. Here he resumed his connection with the mercantile trade, and had a general store until 1888. In 1890 Mr. French formed a partnership with James Chesnut and H. A. Robbins under the firm name of French, Chesnut & Robbins, and they began the wholesale grocery business which added such an important enterprise to the general business interests of Jackson. Mr. French was actively identified with this concern until 1903, but since that year has lived retired and much of his time is spent in travel in company with his wife.

December 31, 1861, Mr. French married Sally A. Yeager. Mrs. French was born at Hamden, Vinton County, Ohio, a daughter of Christian Yeager, who was born in the same county, and a granddaughter of John Yeager, who was a native of Pennsylvania and one of the pioneers in Vinton County, where he improved a farm and lived there until his death. Mrs. French's father was reared on a farm, bought land near Hamden, and pursued a very successful career as a general farmer and stock raiser. He died in the prime of life in 1853. Christian Yeager married Rebecca Colvin, who was born in Vinton County, where her parents were among the early settlers. She died at the age of forty-seven, leaving nine children named Mary E., Eliza A., Pearley, Allen A., Sally A., Carrie, Margaret, Dora and Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. French are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John P. Coleman. The mineral and industrial resources of the Hanging Rock Iron Region have brought to this section men of ability from all parts of the Union, and these men at once assume positions of leadership in the affairs, not only through their respective lines of expert ability, but also as citizens of broad experience and progressive ideals. The general foreman at the Superior Portland Cement Company in Lawrence County is John P. Coleman, who has had an interesting career as an industrial worker and has been identified with his business in a number of states and as many different localities.

John P. Coleman was born at LaSalle, Illinois, September 9, 1873, a son of John and Alice (Heffernam) Coleman. His parents were both born in Ireland, the father in 1832 and the mother in 1845, and the former came to America at the age of twenty-five, located first in Pennsylvania and then to Illinois, and was a coal miner by trade. He died in 1902. The mother died in 1907. Four of their eight children are living, the three daughters, Alice, Margaret and Nora being residents of Chicago.

John P. Coleman grew up in LaSalle, Illinois, was educated in the parochial and public schools until sixteen years of age. His work was as a teamster for his father until twenty years of age, and he then spent five years with the M. & H. Zinc Factory in the machine shop at LaSalle. This was followed by twelve years of service as foreman and master mechanic of the Marquette Cement Company's plant at LaSalle, then two years as master mechanic at the Portland Cement Company in Sandusky, Ohio, for a year and a half Mr. Coleman was foreman for a steamfitting company in Chicago and then went to the Northwest and was master mechanic with the Vancouver Portland Cement Company in British Columbia until 1913. In that year he came to Superior, Ohio, as general foreman of the Superior Portland Cement Company.

Mr. Coleman is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, is a member of the Catholic Church, and in politics is a republican. Outside of business, he finds his greatest pleasure in travel and has been over many sections of the United States and Canada. Mr. Coleman was married November 26, 1904, in Chicago to Louisa Crimmin, a daughter of Timothy Crimmin, formerly of LaSalle, Illinois. Their four children are Alice, Margaret, Jane and John, Jr.

Luther Malcolm Cocke. The Superior Portland Cement Company is an industry of large proportions, and employs a staff of expert officials, each one a master in his particular line. Luther M. Cocke is at the present time superintendent of mines for the company, and a man whose experience and natural qualifications make him a valuable factor in the company's enterprise.

Luther Malcolm Cocke was born in Bedford County, Virginia, February 6, 1881. His parents were James R. and Dinatia Ann (Murphy) Cocke, both natives of Bedford County, where they still reside. The father was born in 1857 and the mother in 1854. James R. Cocke has spent his career as a farmer. The eight children are: Luther Malcolm, Emily Frances, James Esmond, Lula Viola, Gaury McKinnie, Gilla Idella, Henry Clay and Roy Webster.

Luther M. Cocke was educated in the schools of Bedford County, Virginia, until eighteen, then spent three years on the farm with his father. His career in his own interest began at the age of twenty-one, first as bridge carpenter, and he was connected with that line in the railroad service for four years. Mr. Cocke in 1908 began construction work in the mines and also performed the duties of track man for the Superior Portland Cement Company at Superior, and on January 1, 1913, was advanced to the position of superintendent of mines.

Mr. Cocke was married November 5, 1906, at Bristol, Tennessee, to Zulie Florence Murphy, daughter of Joseph Murphy, a farmer of Bedford County, Virginia. They have three children, Opal May, Verl Marinda and Zulie Ann. Mr. Cocke owns a residence at Roanoke, Virginia. He is a democrat in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.

Elmer Sims. Of the three men now entrusted with the management and administration of the fiscal affairs of Vinton County, one of the commissioners is Elmer Sims, who has spent most of his life in Vinton County, is well known among the people, and is esteemed both for his civic integrity and for the ability which he has employed in the management of his farm interests in Elk Township. He was elected a member of the County

Board of Commissioners in the fall of 1914. His associates in that office are Daniel P. Camp of Swan Township, and I. N. Bay of Clinton Township.

Though Mr. Sims has spent all his active years in Vinton County, he was born near Kingston in Ross County, Ohio, June 9, 1866. He comes of old Pennsylvania stock. His grandfather, Nathan Sims, was born in that state and married there a Miss Sill. They afterwards moved to Vinton County, Ohio, and were settlers on a farm and did their share toward the early development. Among their children were: John; George; Malinda; and Mary, all of whom grew up, married and are all now deceased. Nathan Sims, the grandfather, married for his second wife a Miss Kline, whose parents were German people. Nathan Sims spent the rest of his days on the old homestead in Vinton County and died in Swan Township when past sixty years of age. There were three children by the second marriage: Elijah, Barbara E. and Sarah, all of whom are living and married.

John Sims, the father, was born in Jackson Township of Vinton County in 1842. After being reared to manhood he married in Swan Township Jane C. Turner, who was born in Vinton County about 1844. Her parents were Craven C. and Mary (Crow) Turner, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Vinton County. Craven Turner came to Ohio and to Vinton County when a boy, a stranger and without a home, and eventually married and lived in Swan Township for a number of years. He finally went out to Kansas and died there when in his ninetieth year, while his wife was about seventy-five when she passed away. In the earlier generations of the Sims family the United Brethren Church was the common faith of them all, while the Turners were active Methodists. In politics the members of the different families have been first whigs and then republicans. After the marriage of John Sims he located in Ross County, and while he lived there four children were born, George William, Mary E., Elmer and Homer. The subject of this review was about eighteen years of age when the family in 1882 returned to Vinton County and located in Swan Township, where the father became a farmer and spent the rest of his days. He died in 1887 when past forty-six years of age, and his wife passed away in September, 1900. She was a member of the Methodist Church and in politics he was an independent republican, and rarely voted or took any part in elections.

Elmer Sims received most of his education while living in Ross County, and has lived in the atmosphere and environment of a farm and its interests nearly all his life. After reaching manhood he married in Swan Township Martha A. Vest. She was born in that township in 1869 and received her education there. Her parents were Alfred and Delilah

(Phillips) Vest, both natives of Ohio. They were married in Swan Township, and were substantial farming people of that section. After the death of her mother Mrs. Sims' father lived in her home until his death about four years ago. The Vest family were members of the United Brethren Church and Mrs. Sims' father was a republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Sims started housekeeping in Swan Township, and lived there seven or eight years. They then bought a place in Elk Township near Vinton Station on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, where Mr. Sims now owns a fine farm of 195 acres, most of it in cultivation and well stocked with cattle, horses, hogs and mules. He has proved a thrifty farmer and a stock dealer of exceptional judgment. His prosperity is well represented in the improvements on the farm, which comprise a substantial eight-room brick house and a barn on a foundation 30x44 feet.

He has a good deal of experience in public affairs, and prior to his election as a county commissioner served as township trustee four years, and as assessor three years. He is in politics a republican, and he and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church in their neighborhood.

Alma, the oldest of their children, now twenty-six, is the wife of Wilber A. Smith and lives in Chillicothe, Ohio, and their children are named Alma, Blanche and Irean. Isa M., aged twenty-four and unmarried, completed a business course and is now a stenographer and bookkeeper with the International Paint Company of Cleveland. Harley E., sixteen years of age, is assisting his father on the farm. Ilena is fourteen years old and is still in school.

Herbert Beckley. When Mr. Beckley was a boy about sixteen years of age he volunteered his youthful services to the defense of the Union in the great Civil war. He did his part as a gallant soldier in that struggle, and it will be with satisfaction that he regards this participation, and his family and descendants will always honor his memory for his military career as well as for his quiet and industrious life as a farmer and citizen. He is one of the best known men of Elk Township in Vinton County.

He was born at Albany, Athens County, Ohio, July 4, 1846, a son of Walter Beckley, who was also a native of Ohio, and was born about 100 years ago. His parents were New England people who came early to Ohio, and Grandfather Beckley died when about seventy and his widow married for her second husband Samuel Blake. Walter Beckley grew up as a carpenter and mechanic, and married for his first wife Hannah Connor. She was born in Ohio and was probably also of New

England stock. After marriage Walter Beckley and wife established their home in Albany, Athens County, and there he followed his trade for a number of years. His first wife died in 1852, when quite young. He afterwards married a second time, and as the conditions of the home were not pleasant to the first children they were set adrift and had to depend upon their own exertions to earn a livelihood. Walter Beckley died at the age of sixty-three in Knox Township, Vinton County. By his second marriage he had one son and four daughters.

The four children by the first marriage were: Wallace, who is now seventy-three years of age, served four years in the Fourth Regiment of Infantry during the Civil war, and is now living in Meigs County, Ohio, having two sons living, Walter and Albert, and two daughters deceased. Samuel spent about two years in the Civil war in the Seventy-third Ohio Regiment, and owing to weak eyesight was discharged, then returned to Ohio and after his marriage located in Vinton County on a farm, where he died in the Raccoon Creek neighborhood when past middle age, leaving a widow who with several of their children is still living; Herbert, who is the third of the family; and Edwin, who died at his home on Raccoon Creek in Vinton County when in the prime of life, and his widow and only daughter now live in Athens, Ohio.

When Herbert Beckley was a very small boy he left home and started to make his own way in the world. He was not yet fifteen years old when he enlisted at Albany, Athens County, in 1861, in the seventy-fifth regiment in Company E, under Captain Foster and Colonel Harrison. He remained with that regiment for more than four years, all the time as a private. Though only a boy in years he had all the courage and fortitude of the mature soldier, and endured without a murmur the many hardships and privations which are a part of the soldier's life. He fought at the second engagement at Bull Run, at Chancellorsville, and in the great Battle of Gettysburg was taken prisoner and spent some time in the notorious Libby Prison. After forty-five days there he was exchanged and then rejoined his regiment. He was in various other campaigns, and fought at Fort Wagner and at Gainesville. At Gainesville he and his comrades were surrounded by the enemy, but they cut their way through and though being pursued for many miles finally escaped. Altogether Mr. Beckley was present in twenty-two battles and skirmishes and there are few of the old veterans still living who can tell from personal experience more of the real history of the war. He was discharged at Jacksonville, Florida, in April, 1865, soon after Lee's surrender and was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio.

With this record as a soldier and when still under twenty years of age, he returned to his native town and county, and not long afterwards

he married Margaret Hamrick. She was born in Zanesville, Ohio, about 1850, and grew up for the most part in Vinton County. She was still a child when she lost her mother and she grew up partly among strangers and had very limited advantages. She was a woman of fine natural endowments and possessed a keen intelligence. She died at her home in Elk Township nineteen years ago when still in the prime of life. There are two sons by this marriage. John L. Beckley is a well known merchant of McArther and Athens and resides in McArther, Vinton County. Samuel F. Beckley was for a number of years a teacher and is now probate judge for Vinton County, and is married and has two children named John B. and Mary E.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Beckley married Miss Ella A. Salts, who was born in Elk Township October 2, 1872, a daughter of George and Mary J. (McKibben) Salts. Her father was born in Ohio and her grandfather, Edward Salts, was one of the very early settlers of this state. Her mother was born in Pennsylvania of Irish stock, but was married in Vinton County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Salts started out as farmers, and he is still living in Vinton County, and was seventy years of age on October 30, 1915. His wife died in 1878 at the age of thirty. Mr. Salts was afterwards twice married.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckley are members of the Methodist Church at McArthur. He is one of the prominent republicans in Vinton County, and has given a great deal of public spirited service largely in offices to which little or no remuneration is attached. For some years he served as township trustee, and for four years was a director of the county infirmary.

Capt. Alexander Pearce. Of all that stands for strong and worthy manhood the late Captain Pearce was an exemplar and his life was guided and governed by the highest principles of integrity and honor, the while he was known for his fine intellectual powers, his mature judgment, his deep patriotism and loyalty and his large achievement as one of the world's noble army of workers. He was a gallant soldier and officer of the Union in the Civil war, and in the "piping times of peace" he exemplified the same spirit of loyalty that prompted him thus to go forth in defense of the nation's integrity. He was long numbered among the most prominent and influential citizens of Vinton County and continued to maintain his home at McArthur, the county seat, until his death, in the fullness of years and well earned honors. He passed to eternal rest on the 19th of July, 1903, at the age of seventy-five years, five months and nineteen days, and the entire community signified a sense of personal loss and bereavement when he passed away,—a man

of whom a local paper spoke at the time as having been "a good soldier, and an honorable upright citizen who was loved by many and respected by all." It is both a privilege and a matter of consistency to offer in this publication a brief tribute to the memory of this honored citizen who accounted so well to the world in all the relations of life and who left to posterity a record that offers both inspiration and incentive.

Captain Pearce was a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of the Buckeye State and was born on a farm near Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio, on the 1st of February, 1828. He was a son of James and Rebecca (Hoover) Pearce, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Ross County, Ohio, where their marriage was solemnized. James Pearce was a representative of one of the staunch old Quaker families of New Jersey and was of Holland Dutch stock,—a lineal descendant from that historic character, Anneke Jans, who became the wife of Domine Bogardus and who owned the land that is now of incalculable value in the business center of New York City, much of the property being held by the Trinity Church corporation and the estate having been brought into litigation by heirs in many generations, as the history of the national metropolis fully records. The paternal great-grandfather of James Pearce was an earnest member of the Society of Friends, commonly designated as Quakers, and in harmony with the non-belligerant teachings of this noble religious body he refused to enlist for service as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, for which reason he was imprisoned for a term of years.

James Pearce was reared and educated in his native state and as a young man he joined the course of immigration to the West and became one of the pioneer settlers of Ohio. His parents, Richard and Sarah (Rively) Pearce who were birthright members of the Society of Friends, were early settlers in Highland County, this state, where they died during the Civil war and when well advanced in years.

The wife of James Pearce was born at Chillicothe, Ross County, and after their marriage they continued their residence in that county until their removal to Highland County, where the subject of this memoir was born, all of the other children having been born in Ross County, where the parents passed the closing years of their lives, their residence in Highland County having been of comparatively brief duration. The names of the children are here entered in the respective order of birth: Alexander, Sarah, William H., George W., Ann, Richard, James and Alice. The father and all of the sons served as valiant soldiers of the Union throughout the climacteric period of the Civil war, and all lived to see the restoration of peace and to return home, though William H.

died about ten years later, as the direct result of wounds received in battle. Richard met his death while traveling in Kansas, where he was foully murdered, though no cause for the crime was ever discovered or the assassin apprehended.

Capt. Alexander Pearce was a child at the time when his parents returned to Ross County, and there he was reared to adult age under the rigorous discipline of the pioneer farm. The advantages of the somewhat primitive schools of the locality and period enabled him to lay a substantial foundation for the broad superstructure of knowledge which he later acquired through association with the practical affairs of life, besides which he was one of those favored in obtaining the training of a newspaper office,—a discipline that has been pronounced a virtual equivalent of a liberal education. In newspaper offices in Chillicothe and Portsmouth he learned the printer's trade, and after gaining due familiarity with the "art preservative of all arts" he was actively identified with the publication of a paper at Portsmouth for seven years, this having been one of the first daily papers in that now important city.

In 1856 Captain Pearce established his residence at McArthur, Vinton County, where he became editor and publisher of the McArthur Democrat, which he made an effective exponent of local interests and also of the principles and policies of the democratic party, which ever held his loyal allegiance and of which he became an influential representative in this section of his native state. In 1859 he was elected representative of the Vinton and Jackson County District in the Ohio Legislature, and he served a number of terms, with characteristic ability and loyalty.

When the cloud of Civil war cast its pall over the national horizon Captain Pearce promptly responded to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, having been the first man to volunteer in Vinton County, and he became a member of the first company that went forth from Vinton County to do service in defense of the Union. On the 18th of April, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he was made second lieutenant and later promoted to the office of adjutant. He proceeded with his command to the front and when, after the expiration of its three months' term of enlistment, he became captain of Company D, an office in which he continued to serve until the expiration of his term of enlistment. The history of this regiment virtually constitutes the record of the gallant and faithful service of Captain Pearce as one of the valiant soldiers of the Union, and he lived up to the full tension of the great conflict, as a participant in arduous campaigns and many important battles, besides numerous engagements of minor order. The captain received his honorable dis-

charge on the 9th of November, 1864, and his record as a soldier is one that shall reflect lasting honor upon his name and memory. In later years he vitalized his interest in his old comrades by his active affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic, and he was also identified with the Masonic Fraternity, in which he received the Knights Templars degrees.

After the close of the war Captain Pearce became one of the representative business men of McArthur, where for a number of years he conducted a successful enterprise as a dealer in hardware and farm implements. Eventually, however, he resumed his association with newspaper work, to which he continued to devote his attention until impaired health compelled his retirement.

On the 28th of October, 1857, was solemnized the marriage of Captain Pearce to Miss Amanda Ward, who was born at what is now the Village of Gilson, Knox County, Illinois, the date of her nativity having been May 6, 1842. She is the only daughter of Benjamin and Samantha (Pilcher) Ward, both of whom were born and reared in Vinton County, Ohio, Mrs. Ward having been a member of a family of eighteen children born to James and Nancy (Sage) Pilcher, who were sterling pioneers of Vinton County, where they continued to reside until their death. Within a short time after their marriage Benjamin Ward and his wife removed to Knox County, Illinois, where all of their children were born except the youngest, William J., concerning whom individual mention is made on other pages of this publication. The family finally returned to Vinton County, and here the father died in 1856, his wife surviving him by forty years and having been summoned to eternal rest in February, 1896, venerable in years and a devoted adherent of the Christian Church. Of the children the first two were James and Robert, twins, both of whom are deceased; Columbus P., died in October, 1915, at McArthur, and was seventy-eight years of age, his wife having passed away in the preceding May and their surviving child being a son. Mrs. Pearce and her brother, William J., are the only surviving children and further data concerning the Ward family will be found in the sketch dedicated to the brother, who is one of the representative business men of McArthur.

Captain and Mrs. Pearce became the parents of seven children, of whom four are now living, and Mrs. Pearce still resides in the old homestead that is endeared to her by many hallowed memories and associations. The firstborn of the children was Lewis A., who died at the age of two years. Rev. George W. Pearce, the second son, died in March, 1914, his wife having preceded him to eternal rest and two sons and one daughter surviving them. He was a clergyman of the Christian Church,

in the faith of which all of the children were reared, and he served for six years as mayor of McArthur. Minnie C. is the wife of James W. Darby, concerning whom specific mention is made elsewhere in this work. James B. went to Colorado and established his home at La Junta, where he served sixteen years as clerk of courts. He has been an influential figure in democratic state politics in that commonwealth, where he has recently completed his third term of service as secretary of state. He maintains his home at Denver. He and his wife have one son, James W. Anna D. Pearce died at the age of eighteen years, a gracious and beautiful young woman whose life was thus cut short in its very fullness of blossom. Rev. Charles A. Pearce is an able and honored member of the clergy of the Christian Church, was for three years engaged in ministerial service in the City of Chicago, and is now pastor of an important church in the City of Marion, Ohio. His children are Margaret G., Charles A., Jr., Grace E. and Robert H. Milton L. Pearce, the youngest of the children of the honored subject of this memoir, is married and maintains his home at McArthur. He devoted his attention to the study of law for some time, but is now supervisor of roads of Vinton County.

Mrs. Amanda (Ward) Pearce is a zealous member of the Christian Church, has been active in religious affairs and all good deeds, and is held in affectionate regard in the community that has represented her home during virtually her entire life thus far. Thus in the gracious twilight of her life she is signally favored in being surrounded by friends who are tried and true.

James Chesnut. One of the names most honored in business affairs at Jackson for the past fifty years is that of James Chesnut, who has at different times been a retail merchant, manufacturer, banker, and wholesale merchant, and has been actively identified with this part of the Hanging Rock Iron Region upwards of fifty years.

James Chesnut was born on a farm in Ross County, Ohio, November 22, 1834. His father was Lemuel Chesnut, who was born in the same locality August 29, 1805, only a few years after Ohio became a state. The grandfather, Charles Chesnut, was born either in Scotland or Ireland and of Scotch stock, and was one of three brothers who brought the name to America. He became one of the pioneers in Ross County, Ohio, securing a tract of timbered land 4½ miles south of Chillicothe, where he hewed a farm from the midst of the wilderness and lived there until his death at a good old age. Lemuel Chesnut spent his youth in a district only a little removed from wilderness conditions, attended one of the old pioneer schools, and subsequently learned the trade of car-

penter and millwright. For a time he owned and operated a saw mill on Indian Creek, but in 1839 sold that property and moved into Chillicothe, where he worked at his trade until his death on June 24, 1863. Lemuel Chesnut married Sarah Chambers, who was born in Pennsylvania June 3, 1809, and when a young woman was brought to Ohio by her parents. She was one of the old fashioned housewives, learned the art of carding and spinning, and during the early years of her married life did her cooking at a fireplace. Her death occurred June 24, 1886. The seven children reared by her were named John, James, Sara J., Mary A., Isabel, Charlotte and Margaret.

James Chesnut spent his youth partly in the country of Ross County and partly in Chillicothe, attending a rural school first and later the city schools of Chillicothe. He was early trained for practical life, beginning at the age of twelve an apprenticeship with a baker, a trade which he learned and at which he was employed for some years in Frankfort and Greenfield. In 1854 Mr. Chesnut came to Jackson, which at that time was the terminus of the railroad. His business there was that of baker until 1858, in which year he branched out into the grocery business and subsequently added a stock of general merchandise. Selling out his mercantile interests in 1865 he and other men organized the Star Furnace Company. After two years he resumed the merchandise business, and in 1873 was one of the organizers of the Iron Bank at Jackson, of which he was made director, and with which institution he has been identified more or less actively ever since. For two years Mr. Chesnut was away from Ohio and engaged in business in the Northwest, having gone to Minneapolis in 1884 and for two years was in the hat business. After selling out at Minneapolis he returned to Jackson and identified himself with the wholesale grocery business as a member of the firm of French, Chesnut & Robbins. This was the work which occupied him during the last ten years of his active business career, and since selling out he has lived retired.

James Chesnut was first married in 1857 to Almira Price. She was born near Zanesville, a daughter of A. B. and Malinda Price. Her death occurred in 1864. In 1865 Mr. Chesnut married Pauline Johnson, who was born in Jackson, daughter of Elihu Johnson. The three children by the first marriage were Frank L., Clara and James H. There are four children of the second union: Nettie L., Catherine, Charles S. and Earl E. Mr. and Mrs. Chesnut are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics he is a republican.

Charles Gustin. Storekeeper for the Superior Portland Cement Company, Charles Gustin is a native son of Lawrence County, has grown

up in this industrial region, and has worked in the iron and in the cement industries practically all his active career.

Charles Gustin was born at Hecla, Lawrence County, August 19, 1882, a son of James and Maria (Dean) Gustin. His father was born at Ashland, Kentucky, in 1842, was a young soldier in the Union Army during the Civil war, spending four years in the Fourteenth Kentucky Infantry, and afterwards followed an active career as a farmer in Lawrence County until his death in 1910. The mother, who was born at Hecla, Ohio, in 1844, still lives in that vicinity. Their twelve children are named as follows: Anna, deceased; William; George; Fred, deceased; James; Phillip; Charles; Ida; Vinton; Mary; Lydia, deceased; and Harry.

Charles Gustin acquired his education up to the age of eighteen at Hecla, then worked in a furnace as a laborer for three years, spent one year in the employ of the Ironton Portland Cement Company, and began his duties at Superior in the cement plant as assistant manager of the company's store. After three years, in 1910, he was made manager of the store, and has looked after the mercantile interests of the company ever since. He is a man thoroughly trained in mercantile lines, and is popular with all classes of people.

Mr. Gustin was married May 24, 1912, at Ironton to Daisy Rowe, daughter of William Rowe, of Steece, Lawrence County. They have two children, Fred and Phillip. The family attend the Methodist Church and Mr. Gustin is a republican. Outside of business he gets much pleasure from his driving horses, and he has three fine specimens. He is also fond of hunting.

William U. Elliott. Residing in the attractive little City of McArthur, the judicial center of Vinton County, Mr. Elliott is one of the substantial, progressive and highly esteemed citizens of this county, where he is the owner of a large landed estate, in Elk Township, and where since 1904 he has been actively associated with the agricultural and live stock industries. He is acting as a member of the board of education and also occupies his time largely in serving as an engineer for the McArthur Brick Company, a position which he has retained since 1908. Mr. Elliott is one of the vigorous and public-spirited citizens of the county that has represented his home for many years and is a scion of the third generation of the Elliott family in America.

Mr. Elliott's grandfather, Thomas Elliott, was born in the Borough of Cockermouth, Cumberland County, England, the date of his nativity having been October 10, 1786, and he having been the youngest of the

thirteen children of Henry Elliott, his parents having passed their entire lives in England and he himself having been the only one of the immediate family to come to the United States. The grandfather of Mr. Elliott was reared and educated in his native land, where he learned the trade of weaver and where he continued his residence until he was thirty years of age, when, on the 24th of April, 1816, he embarked on a sailing vessel and set forth to seek his fortunes in America. The protracted and weary voyage covered a period of more than two months, and he landed at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 12th of July, 1816. From Canada he soon came into the United States and after remaining for a time in Boston he made his way to the City of Baltimore, Maryland, where he found employment at his trade,—in the Thistle Mills, one of the pioneer manufacturing concerns of that place. There he continued his residence for many years and there was solemnized his marriage to Miss Mary Biggert, who was born in Ireland, on the 12th of July, 1794, and after the birth of their nine children they came with all of their children to Ohio, in 1840. Mr. Elliott purchased a farm in Muskingum County, and there he continued to work at his trade and as an agriculturist until he had attained to advanced age, when he removed to Zanesville, the county seat, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred March 6, 1854. His widow survived him by a decade and a half and passed to eternal rest on her seventy-sixth birthday anniversary,—July 12, 1870, both having been devoted Calvanistic Presbyterians in their religious faith and affiliation. They became the parents of six sons and three daughters, all but one of whom attained to maturity and most of whom married and reared children, the last of the number to pass away having been John, who died recently, at the venerable age of eighty-two years.

Joseph Elliott, father of the subject of this review, was born in the City of Baltimore, Maryland, on the 6th of December, 1836, and thus was a child of about four years at the time of the family removal to Ohio, in 1840. Here he was reared to manhood in Muskingum County, and the major part of his boyhood and youth was passed at Zanesville, where he gained his early education and where also he served a thorough apprenticeship to the trade of machinist. In 1862 he went to Clarksville, Tennessee, where he found employment at his trade. While thus engaged he made a return trip to his old home in Zanesville, where, on the 11th of April, 1864, he wedded Miss Mary Harris, who was born in Wales, in the year 1839, and who was a child when she accompanied her parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Harris, on their immigration to the United States, her father having followed his trade of iron-worker and puddler, at Zanesville, Ohio, until his death. His wife, who lived for

many years after her husband's death, died in Pittsburg, Pa., at a son's home, both having been zealous adherents of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Mary (Harris) Elliott survived her marriage by only five years and her death occurred at Clarksville, Tennessee, in May, 1869, the subject of this sketch being her only surviving child. For his second wife Joseph Elliott, married Miss Jeanette Watson, who was born at Woodstock, Province of Ontario, Canada, but who was a resident of Tennessee at the time of her marriage. She died at Clarksville, Tennessee, on the 18th of November, 1884, and is survived by one child, Kate, who has never married and who now resides in the home of her aunt, a sister of her mother, at Embro, a village in Oxford County, Province of Ontario, Canada.

After the death of his second wife Joseph Elliott returned to Ohio, and he became the owner of a valuable farm property in Vinton County, where he maintained his residence for a number of years. While on a visit to the City of Zanesville, Muskingum County, he died on the 30th of May, 1903, honored by all who knew him. He was a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party and was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, as were also both his first and his second wives.

William U. Elliott, whose name introduces this article, was born at Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee, on the 10th of January, 1865. He was about four years old at the time of his mother's death and was soon afterward taken into the home of his paternal uncle, John Elliott, of Zanesville, Ohio, where he was reared to adult age and where he acquired his early education in the public schools, this discipline having later been supplemented by a course in the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio. He then joined his father on the latter's farm in Elk Township, Vinton County, this property coming into his possession after the death of his honored sire. Mr. Elliott has retained possession of the property and is giving to the same a general supervision. Its value is notably increased by the fact that the land is underlaid with a deposit of excellent coal, and the development of this deposit will eventually yield large financial returns. In 1894 Mr. Elliott removed to Waterbury, Connecticut, where he was superintendent of a department in one of the large brass manufactories of that section. In 1904 he returned to McArthur and assumed personal supervision of his farm and erected one of the most modern and attractive residences in the city, the same containing nine rooms and being equipped with the best of modern improvements and appointments.

Mr. Elliott is liberal and progressive in his civic attitude, is a staunch republican in his political proclivities, has served with characteristic

loyalty and efficiency as a member of the city council, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the local Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder,—an office in which he succeeded his father soon after the time of the latter's demise.

In the year 1889 Mr. Elliott wedded Miss Mary A. Blackstone, who was born in Richland Township, Vinton County, on the 28th of November, 1868, and who is a daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Jordan) Blackstone. Her parents were born and reared in Guernsey County, this state, of English parentage, and shortly after their marriage, in October, 1855, they removed to Vinton County and established their home on a farm in Richland Township, where they remained until 1904, when they removed to McArthur and laid aside the labors and responsibilities that has so long been their portion. Here Mr. Blackstone died in January, 1913, at the age of eighty years, and his widow, who celebrated her eighty-third birthday anniversary in 1915, is more alert, vigorous and vital than the average woman many years her junior, as shown by the fact that she not only gives her personal attention to the domestic affairs of her attractive home in McArthur but also accords a general supervision to the business pertaining to her old homestead farm, of 160 acres, in Richland Township. She is a devout and specially active member of the United Brethren Church, as was also her husband, and he was a staunch republican in his political affiliation. This sterling and honored couple became the parents of seven children, all of whom are living and all married except one. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott became the parents of one child, who was named Joseph Blackstone, in honor of his paternal and maternal grandfathers, but he died in early infancy. The Elliott home is known for its generous hospitality and Mrs. Elliott is not only its popular chatelain but is also otherwise prominent in the representative social activities of the community, both she and her husband having the unequivocal esteem of all who know them.

Eugene C. Switzer. The superintendent of the Superior Portland Cement Company at Superior in Lawrence County is one of the best equipped men in his profession as an engineer in the Hanging Rock Iron Region. Mr. Switzer has had a long experience in civil and mining engineering, both in the East and in the Ohio Valley, is a man of college training, and has the most thorough qualifications for his present responsibilities. Mr. Switzer is in love with his work, and his whole energy is bent upon making the plant of which he has control one of the most productive and efficient in the country.

Eugene C. Switzer was born at Bath, Steuben County, New York, September 14, 1875. His parents were Wallace D. and Harriet

(Knowles) Switzer. The father was born at Campbell, New York, in Steuben County in 1852, followed contracting and building, and now lives at Newcastle, Pennsylvania. The mother who was born at Bath in Steuben County in 1856, died in 1891. Their four children were Eugene C., Sarah E., Lena H. and Erwin J. J.

Eugene C. Switzer was educated in the High School at Emporium, Pennsylvania, until sixteen years of age, and after some practical experience along the lines in which he subsequently concentrated, entered Bucknell University and was graduated in the scientific course in 1900. Mr. Switzer was employed as civil engineer with the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern Railway for three months, being located at St. Mary's, Pennsylvania, spent a year as mining engineer with the Shawmut Mining Company, was for three years a construction engineer in the employ of the Carnegie Steel Company at Newcastle, Pennsylvania, and as construction engineer for one year with the Newcastle Portland Cement Company, and in 1906 came to Superior in Lawrence County, Ohio, as construction and mining engineer for the Superior Portland Cement Company. Mr. Switzer was advanced to his present position as superintendent of the plant on January 1, 1913.

On November 19, 1902, Mr. Switzer married Margaret Patterson Taylor, daughter of G. O. and Margaret Taylor, of Aylmer, Province of Quebec, Canada. They are the parents of four children: Eugene Arthur, Wallace Taylor, Gordon Cuthbert, and Genevieve Clark. Mr. Switzer is a Knight Templar Mason. With his family he worships in the Baptist Church, and in politics is a republican. He is the owner of an automobile, and that affords the chief means for his recreation outside of business hours.

John Louis Gahm, M. D. The late Doctor Gahm, who died at Jackson July 6, 1910, was for a number of years one of the leading physicians of Jackson County and a member of one of the old and honored families of this section of Ohio.

John Louis Gahm was born on a farm in Scioto Township of Jackson County, a son of Jacob Gahm, and a grandson of Jacob Gahm Sr., who was born in Germany and came to America with other members of his family about 1835. He located in Scioto Township of Jackson County and secured there a large tract of timbered land. The rest of his active years were devoted to clearing off the forests and to tilling the soil and his death occurred in that vicinity when at a good old age. He reared four children named Jacob, John, Mary and Henry. Jacob Gahm Jr., the father of Doctor Gahm, was born in northern Ohio while his parents were on the way to southern Ohio. He grew up on a

farm and for a number of years has been prosperously identified with agricultural activities in Scioto Township. He married Elizabeth Flaker, who was born in Jefferson Township of Jackson County, a daughter of Christopher Flaker, a native of Germany and one of the early settlers in Jefferson Township. Jacob Gahm and wife reared five children, named John L., Philip, Jacob, Mary and William C.

The late Dr. Gahm grew up on a farm, attended the rural schools and was a man of thorough and liberal education. He was also a student in the Jackson High School, in the Normal University at Lebanon, spent about four years of his early life as a teacher and then took up the study of medicine and was graduated from the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. He opened an office for practice at Jackson, built up a large business and enjoyed a reputation as a splendid physician. His death came when he was in the prime of his activities and powers.

Doctor Gahm married Millie Agnes Stephenson, who was born in Scioto Township, a daughter of William Stephenson. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Gahm has continued to occupy the old home in Jackson. She is the mother of four children, Haldor L., Mabel, Heber and Jacob H. The son, Haldor, has graduated from the Starling Medical College at Columbus, and is now in active practice at Jackson. The daughter, Mabel, is the wife of C. S. Kinnison, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Heber was an employe of the D. T. & I. Railroad and at present is a pupil at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, while Jacob, the youngest, is a clerk in his uncle's store in Jackson.

Daniel C. Gill. More than a century ago Joseph Gill, grandfather of the subject of this review, came from Virginia and numbered himself among the pioneer settlers in the midst of the forest wilds of what is now Vinton County, and the family name has continued to be prominently and influentially linked with the history of the county during the long intervening years, which have been marked by large and worthy achievement on the part of its various representatives. The Gill family was founded in the historic Old Dominion in the Colonial era and Joseph Gill, the founder of the Ohio branch, was a young man when he came to this state and settled on a pioneer farm in Elk Township, Vinton, County, which county was not segregated from Athens County until many years later. Here Joseph Gill wedded his young and ambitious wife, who was likewise a native of Virginia and whose family name was Dunkel. Mr. Gill was one of those sturdy and aspiring young men who was well fitted to overcome the obstacles and surmount the other difficulties of pioneer life in the midst of a practically unbroken forest, and he reclaimed a productive farm in Elk Township, where he ex-

pended effectively much of mental and physical power in doing his part to further the march of civilization and progress. Both he and his wife lived to venerable age and continued to reside on their old homestead until the closing chapter in their mortal lives was complete and they passed forward to the "land of the leal." Their lives were marked by earnest industry and impregnable integrity of purpose, and they commanded the unqualified esteem of all who knew them. They reared a family of nine children, were earnest members of the Baptist Church and in politics Mr. Gill was an old-line whig.

John Gill, father of him whose name introduces this article, was born a little more than one hundred years ago and was one of the elder members of the family of nine children, most of whom continued their residence in this section of the Buckeye State until their death. In 1849, while operating an old-time threshing machine that was made effective through the application of horse power, Mr. Gill had one of his legs crushed in the power machinery and when the leg was amputated according to the somewhat primitive methods of the day he was unable to stand the shock and his death resulted, he having been at the time about thirty-five years of age.

In Pickaway County, Ohio, was solemnized the marriage of John Gill to Miss Eliza Hall, who passed her entire life in Ohio and who survived him by about fifteen years, as her death occurred in 1855, at which time she was residing near McArthur, the judicial center of Vinton County. She was about forty-five years old at the time of her demise, and so far as can be determined it is altogether probable that both she and her husband were active church members, his political allegiance having been given to the Whig party. They became the parents of three children, of whom the eldest is James, who has been for a number of years one of the prosperous farmers of Caldwell County, Missouri, where, now venerable in years, he still resides on his farm, near the Town of Breckenridge. He wedded Miss Nancy Dennison but they have no children. Daniel C., of this review, was the second in order of birth. Hattie, whose death occurred in 1913, was the wife of Ransom Sprague, and concerning them more specific mention is made on other pages of this work, in the sketch of the career of their son, Lewis W. Sprague.

On the old homestead farm, in Elk Township, and two miles northeast of McArthur, Daniel C. Gill was born on the 11th of September, 1847, and there he was reared to man's estate, the while he duly availed himself of the advantages afforded in the common schools of the locality. He was a mere child at the time of his father's tragic death and but nine years old when his mother passed away. Thereafter he lived for some time in the home of his paternal grandmother. Soon after attain-

ing to his legal majority Mr. Gill established his residence at McArthur, and during the long intervening years he has here continued successful operations in the conducting of a livery business. He is now the pioneer representative of this line of enterprise in Vinton County and it is specially interesting to record also that his barn, on Market street, is the oldest building in the county erected and still used for livery purposes. It was built more than seventy-five years ago as an adjunct of the pioneer tavern or inn known as the Sission Hotel, and the hotel building is still used for the purpose for which it was erected, it being now known as the Will House. Mr. Gill keeps the equipment and service of his livery up to high standard and has long controlled a substantial and profitable business. He is well known throughout this section of the state and commands secure place in popular esteem, besides having long been recognized as one of the successful business men and loyal and progressive citizens of his native county. He is a stanch supporter of the cause of the republican party, but has never sought or held public office of any description.

As a young man Mr. Gill wedded Miss Theresa Lacy, who was born in Swan Township, this County, in 1844, and who was reared and educated in the county that has ever represented her home. Mr. and Mrs. Gill have three children, of whom the eldest is John D., specific record concerning him being given in the article that immediately follows the one here presented. Harley was a prosperous farmer near Breckinridge, Caldwell County, Missouri, but is now engaged with his father in the livery business at McArthur, is married and has two sons. Hattie, who still remains at the parental home, formerly served for several years as deputy in the McArthur postoffice.

John D. Gill. In the foregoing article is given adequate record concerning the sterling pioneer family of which Mr. Gill is a representative of the fourth generation in Vinton County, and thus it is not necessary to give in the present connection further review of the family history, but it may consistently be said that both as a progressive citizen and enterprising business man Mr. Gill is fully upholding the prestige of the name which he bears. In his native city of McArthur he conducts a well equipped garage and as a dealer in automobiles, he is local sales agent for the Overland and Maxwell cars, the reputation of each of which is of the highest. Though he initiated business only in the spring of 1914, he has developed a substantial and successful enterprise and has sold many automobiles for both the Overland and Maxwell companies. His garage, which is thoroughly modern in its equipment and facilities, is eligibly situated on South Market Street and occupies a building 40

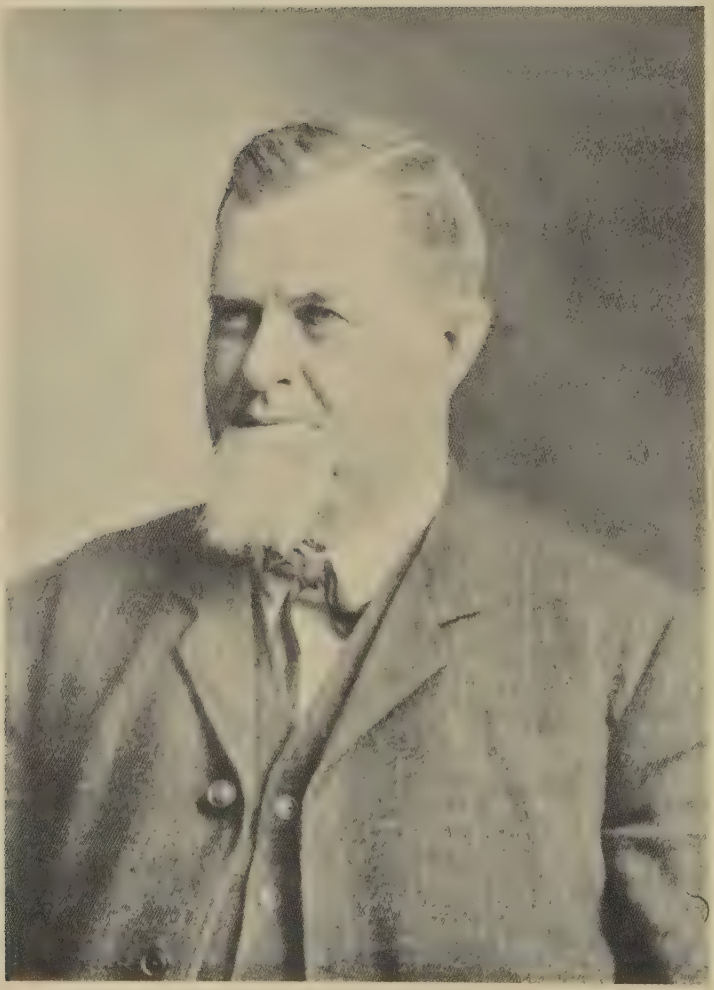
by 120 feet in dimensions, and these large and convenient quarters have been occupied by him since June, 1915. He has ample storage and garage facilities and gives to his patrons the most efficient service, a repair department being maintained for the accommodation of the public.

As the preceding article indicates, Mr. Gill is the eldest of the three children born to Daniel C. and Theresa (Lacy) Gill, and he has lived at McArthur from the time of his birth, which here occurred on the 22d of July, 1876. As a boy he began to assist in his father's livery business, and thus he early gained knowledge of successful catering to the demands of the public. He did not fail to make good use of the advantages afforded in the public schools, and thus his education along academic and practical business lines was made one of symmetrical order. It may incidentally be said, as supplemental to the preceding article, that his father has been actively engaged in the livery business at McArthur for more than fifty years and that he still conducts the only enterprise of this order in the town.

The initial business venture of John D. Gill was made when he was about eighteen years of age, when he engaged in the ice business in his native place. He built up a prosperous enterprise and continued to give his attention to the same for fifteen years, at the expiration of which he sold the business to good advantage.

Mr. Gill has taken a lively interest in public affairs in his home city and county and is essentially liberal and public-spirited in his civic attitude. He has served since 1908 as city treasurer and is at the present time deputy supervisor of the board of elections for Vinton County. His political support of the cause of the republican party has been of stable and effective order and he has been influential in the local councils of the party. He was twice nominated for the office of county treasurer, but on each occasion a split in the party brought about such political exigencies as to compass his defeat. Mr. Gill is affiliated with the lodge of Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks at Logan, Hocking County, and since he attained to his legal majority he has been an active and popular member of the McArthur Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed all of the official chairs. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but attends the local Presbyterian Church, of which his wife is a zealous member.

In the year 1906 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gill to Miss Ella Gorsuch, who was born in Meigs County, this state, in April, 1873, but who was reared to maturity in Vinton County, where she received the advantages of the public schools. She is a daughter of Nicholas Gorsuch, of whom individual mention is made on other pages of this work, so that further reference to the family history is not demanded at



L. J. Moulton

this juncture. Mr. and Mrs. Gill became the parents of four children: John D. Jr., is attending the public schools, in which he is in the fourth grade at the time of this writing, in the autumn of 1915; Eleanor died at the age of five weeks; Alice L. was born August 2, 1911, and Edward L. was born January 12, 1913.

George Markins is one of the young men in the industrial activities of Lawrence County, has had a thorough practical training, and his usefulness is indicated by his position as assistant master mechanic to the Superior Portland Cement Company at Superior. He has come up from the ranks of the laborer, knows his business as one who has learned it through actual experience, and is one of the most popular officials connected with this large industry.

George Markins was born in Aid Township of Lawrence County, Ohio, January 23, 1887. His father, Alexander, who was born in the same township of Lawrence County in 1861, is a miner, and is now connected with the Superior Portland Cement Company. The mother's maiden name was Elma Large, who was born in Aid Township in 1864. Their eleven children are: Sadie, Nora, George, Edward, Myrtle, Blanche, Ora, Maggie, William, deceased; Louis, deceased, and Willard.

George Markins grew up in Aid Township, was educated in the public schools until sixteen, and then spent three years as a laborer in the Ironton Portland Cement Company. Eight months were then employed in work for the railway, and in 1906 he joined the Superior Portland Cement plant as laborer for one year, for two years was miller in the plant, and then for two years was mechanical repair man. In June, 1913, came his well deserved promotion to the position of assistant master mechanic.

Mr. Markins was married January 12, 1912, to Lillie Mays, daughter of John and Mary (Willis) Mays. Her father is a farmer in Lawrence County. To their marriage have been born three children: Thelma Pauline, Alexander and William. Mr. Markins is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men, is a republican in politics and his family belongs to the Methodist Church. Besides his work and profession he is the owner of eighty acres of wild land in Aid Township.

Hon. Chandler J. Moulton. Now living retired from his long career as a merchant at Lucasville, Chandler J. Moulton started life with little or no capital, gained experience while supporting himself, and finally embarked in merchandising at Lucasville more than forty years ago, and has ever since been closely identified with the business and public life of Scioto County. Mr. Moulton's service as a member

of the State Legislature brought him high credit, and throughout his long life he has manifested a high degree of public spirit toward all enterprises and movements for the improvement of his community.

Chandler J. Moulton was born in East Randolph, Vermont, December 26, 1839, a son of Norman and Mary B. (Belknap) Moulton. Both parents were natives of Vermont, the father a farmer, and in 1848 they moved out to Ohio and located in the Scioto Valley near Lucasville. The father died in 1849. Chandler is the only one of the three children still living. Daniel died at the age of eighteen years. Sarah, who was the wife of Dr. J. V. Warick, was the mother of six children, and the three still living are: Mary, wife of Judge John C. Milliner of Portsmouth; Maggie, wife of John A. Long of Chicago; and Lou N., wife of Charles Anderson of Huntington, West Virginia.

Chandler J. Moulton was ten years of age when his father died, and grew up on a farm near Lucasville. In spite of handicaps he managed to acquire a liberal education, first in the public schools and later in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. One year was spent in Illinois as clerk in a store, and after returning to Scioto County he was for two years a farmer. In 1867 Mr. Moulton engaged in business at Lucasville, managing a general store, and had soon built up a profitable enterprise. Mr. Moulton possessed the business judgment and the industry which are the first requisites of success in merchandising, and by a long course of honorable dealing and with his increasing esteem throughout the community served by his store he built up a splendid business. For many years it was conducted under his individual name, and is now the firm of C. J. Moulton & Son. Besides merchandising, the firm speculates in timber, cattle and other commodities and have handled a great deal of property in the past thirty or forty years.

Mr. Moulton was married September 16, 1876, to Mary C. Smith of West Union, Ohio. Mrs. Moulton acquired her education in the public schools of the country districts and at the young ladies' seminary of Portsmouth. To their union were born six children: Frank W., who graduated in academics with degree of Bachelor of Arts at Athens College, later securing his degree of Bachelor of Laws from Cincinnati Law School, and is now an attorney at Portsmouth; Arthur S., who is associated with his father in business at Lucasville; Mabel, who received her education in the western college at Oxford and also in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and is unmarried; Jane, who likewise attended the colleges of Oxford and Delaware and is the wife of W. B. Rickey; John, who was a student in the Keynon Military School and is a clerk in his father's store; and Earl C., who attended school at Delaware and is a farmer in Scioto County.

Mr. Moulton is prominent in local Masonic bodies, having membership in the Lucasville Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons, and Calvary Commandery of the Knights Templar at Portsmouth, also a member of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. For many years he has been one of the republican leaders in Scioto County. Four years the people kept him in the Legislature as representative of the county, and during that time he was one of the most active members at Columbus and chairman of the committee on public works. His interests are varied, and among other things he owns 900 acres of land. Mr. Moulton is an extensive traveler, has visited most of the states of the Union, and has been to Panama and also on a number of the island possessions of the United States. He has had a long and interesting career and one fruitful from every point of view.

Robert W. Bail. In his younger years Mr. Bail was one of the very successful teachers of Vinton County, though is perhaps best known over the county as a whole through his valuable service as county treasurer, an office from which he retired only about a year ago.

He belongs to a family that was among the pioneers in crossing the Allegheny Mountains from the original thirteen colonies into the vast and unsettled West. The Bails were especially identified with that section of Virginia, which is now the State of West Virginia. His great-grandfather was Thomas Bail, who was born in Sutton in what is now West Virginia, about 1775-76, early in the War of the Revolution. He lived in that rugged district of Western Virginia, and along with farming he combined his activities as a hunter and woodsman. He lived to be an old man. His son, Robert W. Bail, grandfather of Robert W. of Vinton County, and probably an only son and child, was born near Sutton, West Virginia, January 13, 1813. He grew up and came to know his native hills and the forests and waters of West Virginia like a book. Like his father, he was proficient in all the arts and crafts of the frontier and was skillful with his rifle and also with the rod. By those accomplishments he did much to supply a living in addition to his main business as a farmer. Grandfather Bail married Alice Barnett, who was born in West Virginia of Maryland parents, who spent most of their lives in that state. Soon after their marriage Robert W. Bail and wife set out for a still more distant point in the Middle West. As was the usual practice in that time of limited transportation facilities, they embarked their family and possessions on a flatboat which voyaged down the Little Kanawha River and the larger Ohio River as far as Ironton. After landing they located in Lawrence County and lived in

the neighborhood of several of the old-time furnaces of that date, the Vesuvius, Oak Ridge and Latrobe. There Mrs. Robert W. Bail died when between fifty and fifty-five years of age. Afterwards Robert W. Bail moved to Vinton County, and died there in 1893 in his eighty-first year. He was a democrat, and that has been the prevailing political faith of the family for generations. Robert's son, Isaac V., had moved to Vinton County in 1873, and that was the cause of the father coming to this section. The only other two children in the family were Thomas and Felix, both of whom died in childhood in Lawrence County, having been victims of the scarlet fever.

Isaac V. Bail, father of the former county treasurer, was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, January 21, 1848. He was reared and educated there, having attended some of the old log school houses that then were in fashion. In 1867 he married Mary (Markin) Gates, widow of Frank Gates. Frank Gates was killed at Cloyd Mountain in West Virginia while a Union soldier with the Ninth West Virginia Volunteers, being at that time in the prime of life.

In 1873 Isaac V. Bail and wife moved to Vinton County, and subsequently established a home in Vinton Township. He died on his farm home in that township March 20, 1913. He was a member of the Latter Day Saints Church. His widow is still living at Radcliff in Vinton County, and celebrated her seventy-second birthday in May, 1915. She is also a member of the same religious faith. While the family lived in Madison Township of Vinton County the following children were born: Robert W., James, who died at the age of twenty-eight after his marriage; Loie, who died at the age of nineteen, and William, who died at the age of twenty. After the parents moved to Vinton Township their youngest child, Seth N., was born. He is now a farmer on the old homestead in Vinton Township, and by his first wife, Oro T. Harris, who died young, he had two children, Ronald and Marie; while by his second marriage to Laura McGee he had a son named Orin.

Mr. Robert W. Bail was born in Madison Township of Vinton County, March 6, 1877. He received his early education in the public schools and when twenty years of age he took up his vocation as a teacher and followed it steadily for fourteen years in Vinton County. He has been one of the most proficient and capable rural schoolmasters and it is the large acquaintance he acquired while teaching, and the thorough integrity he has manifested in all his relations that brought him to the important county office of county treasurer, to which he was elected in 1910. He was re-elected, and served altogether four years. It has been frequently said that the affairs of the county treasurer's office were never in better hands than while Mr. Bail was in office. He had pre-

viously filled the offices of township and school treasurer. He is an active democrat, and a man of leading influence in his home county.

In Meigs County, Ohio, Mr. Bail married Cora M. Bratton. She was born in Columbia Township of Meigs County, September 1, 1875, and was reared and received her education there. Her parents were Adam and Millie (Chaney) Bratton, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. Her father was born in Meigs County in 1851 and her mother was born in 1860 in Western Pennsylvania. Millie Chaney came to Meigs County with her parents when she was a small girl. Her parents were Enos and Catherine (Boone) Chaney. Her mother was a native of Pennsylvania and a direct relation of the noted Daniel Boone. Catherine Boone Chaney died in Clark County, Ohio, in 1915 at the age of eighty-six. Her husband fell while a gallant soldier in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war. Adam Bratton and wife after their marriage started out as farmers in Meigs County, and all their children were born in that community. Later they moved to Vinton Township in Vinton County, and still occupy a farm in that locality. Mrs. Bail was one of a family of six sons and two daughters, namely: Gayley, who is married and lives in Meigs County; Carrie, wife of J. M. Silves, a merchant at Point Rock in Meigs County, and they have one child named Otho; Mrs. Bail, who was the third among the children; Almeda, wife of William H. Little, a bridge carpenter in Clark County, and they have two children named Clare and Edith; Amy A., wife of Fern Vale, a locomotive engineer living in Columbus, and they have a daughter named Dorothy Helen; Elmer, a commercial traveler for the Shredded Wheat Company, with headquarters at Cleveland; Lola, wife of George Hess, who lives in Columbus, Ohio; Zelia, wife of R. H. Knapp of Vinton Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Bail are the parents of two children. Flora M., born July 25, 1902, is now a member of the freshman class of the McArthur High School; Olive Kathleen, born December 27, 1906, is now in the fourth grade of public schools. Mr. Bail is a member of the Christian Church, while his wife belongs to the Latter Day Saints. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of Masons at Wilkesville, Ohio, and with the Improved Order of Red Men at Radcliff.

Emmett Robbins. When a man whose personal knowledge and mature judgment caused him to speak of the present sheriff of Vinton County as "a fine, wholesome young man," there is ample reason to understand the popular estimate which placed Mr. Robbins in the responsible county office, of which he is now the efficient and valued incumbent, his election to the position of sheriff having taken place in the autumn of

1914 and his assumption of office having occurred on the 4th of January, 1915. His administration within the intervening period has fully justified the wisdom of the popular vote, and the interest in his preferment is enhanced when it is stated that he is a native son of Vinton County and that he had proved his ability and worth as a productive worker and loyal and public-spirited citizen prior to his advancement to his present post, in which he succeeded William Fosse, who still lives near McArthur, the county seat, and who likewise had proved an able incumbent in the office of sheriff. Prior to his election to the office which he now holds Mr. Robbins had been employed as a brick-setter in the service of the McArthur Brick Company, which controls one of the leading industrial enterprises of Vinton County, and in the capacity noted he had won favor and proved himself a faithful, diligent and effective worker.

Sheriff Robbins was born in Knox Township, Vinton County, Ohio, on the 7th of February, 1886, and he was six years of age at the time of the death of his father, Elihu Robbins, who passed away on the 25th of November, 1892. Elihu Robbins was born in Elk Township, this county, not far distant from McArthur, the county seat, and the date of his nativity was July 15, 1835. He passed his entire life in his native county and was long numbered among its representative agriculturists and stock-growers, the while his steadfast integrity and well ordered life gained and retained to him the confidence and good will of all who knew him. He was a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party was an earnest and consistent member of the Christian Church, in the faith of which he was reared. He was a son of Jesse and Minerva (Waterman) Robbins, the former of whom was born in Jackson County, Ohio, on the 9th of December, 1811, and the latter of whom was born in New Jersey, on the 2d of January, 1815, their marriage having been solemnized in Vinton County, on the 11th of March, 1833, at which time this county was still an integral part of Jackson County. Jesse Robbins was thus a scion of one of the very earliest pioneer families of Southern Ohio and he himself became on of the pioneer settlers in what is now Elk Township, Vinton County, where he reclaimed a farm from the forest wilds and became one of the honored and influential citizens of the county. He continued to reside on his old homestead farm until his death, which occurred on the 5th of September, 1873, and his wife survived him by nearly a score of years, she having been called to the life eternal in April, 1890, at the venerable age of eighty-five years. Both were zealous members of the Christian Church and were numbered among its foremost pioneer representatives in Vinton County, where he served many years as a deacon of the church, his political allegiance having been given to the republican party

from the time of its organization until his death. Of the four children one son died young, and two sons and one daughter attained to maturity.

On the 5th of February, 1873, in Athens County, this state, was solemnized the marriage of Elihu Robbins to Miss Rebecca King, who was born in that county, on the 25th of August, 1846. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Robbins became the wife of William Downnard, and they maintain their home in Elk Township, where Mr. Downnard is a prosperous farmer and highly esteemed citizen. Both are active and influential members of the United Brethren Church, in which they are affiliated with Mount Zion Church, in Richland Township, Mr. Downnard being a classleader in the same and his political support being given to the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Downnard have no children. The parents of Mrs. Downnard were born in Pennsylvania and she was the first of the children born after the family removal from the old Keystone State to Ohio.

The present sheriff of Vinton County is the youngest of the children of Elihu and Rebecca (King) Robbins, and concerning the others the following brief data are given: Phoebe has been three times wedded and is now the wife of William Sears, of Mowbridge, South Dakota, her husband being a representative member of the bar of that section of the state, and the only child of this union being a son. The first husband of Mrs. Sears was Sigmund Dearth, who was killed in a railroad accident in Vinton County, Ohio, when thirty-five years of age, and who is survived by one son. The second husband, Frank Pilcher, likewise was killed in a railway accident, when employed as a car inspector. Ann, the second child, is the wife of George McAfee, a successful farmer in Hocking County, Ohio. Charles resides at Butte, Montana, and has valuable farm interests in that state. He is married and has one son and one daughter. Nona now holds a responsible position in the Ohio tuberculosis hospital, in the City of Columbus. Nudia died in infancy; Jesse now resides at Herrin, Illinois, and his only child, a son, was fatally injured by an accident which caused its death when but eighteen months of age.

Emmett Robbins was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and his educational advantages in his youth were those afforded in the public schools of his native county, within whose borders he has continuously maintained his residence and proved himself well worthy of the high esteem so uniformly accorded to him. His political allegiance is given without reservation to the republican party, and on its ticket he was elected to his present office, that of sheriff of Vinton County. He and his wife are active and zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of McArthur, in which he is serving as a member of the board

of stewards, besides having formerly been assistant superintendent of its Sunday School. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, has passed the various official chairs in the local organization of the Improved Order of Red Men and has represented the same in the Grand Council of Ohio, being now a trustee of the McArthur Council. He has served also in various official chairs in the McArthur Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a valued and popular member of each of these fraternal organizations.

On the 3d of October, 1905, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Robbins to Miss Eula B. Snook, who was born in Elk Township, Vinton County, on the 6th of March, 1887, and who is a daughter of John and Nettie (Colvill) Snook, the former a native of Vinton County and the latter of Jackson County, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Snook reside upon their fine homestead farm, in Elk Township, and both are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Snook was born October 31, 1859, and his wife was born in July, 1867. He is a democrat in politics and has held minor township offices. Of the children Mrs. Robbins is the eldest; Dallas E. is associated in the work and management of the home farm; and Gladys M. is a successful teacher in the school of her home district, after having completed the curriculum of the McArthur High School. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins have four children, whose names and respective dates of birth are here indicated: Kenneth, February 6, 1906; Edna, February 8, 1908; Mary, March 12, 1910, and Emmett Jr., January 4, 1913.

David C. McKitterick. One of the young men actively identified with the larger industrial activities of the Hanging Rock Iron Region is David C. McKitterick, who for a number of years has been in the service of the Portland Cement Company at Superior. Mr. McKitterick has spent all his life in this section of Ohio, and since beginning work at the age of sixteen as a clerk has steadily progressed to important responsibilities in connection with the cement industry.

David C. McKitterick was born in Jackson, Jackson County, Ohio, October 22, 1884. His father, John McKitterick, who still lives at Jackson, was born in Ireland in 1848, came to America when a boy of twelve years of age in 1860, and has spent an active career as a cattle dealer. The mother, whose maiden name was Frances Martin, was born in Jackson March 24, 1851, and died March 4, 1913. There were five children: May, Fannie, John, David C. and one that died in infancy.

David C. McKitterick was educated in the Jackson public schools, but at the age of sixteen left to take up the serious business of life, and began work as stenographer in the Portland Cement Company at Alma.

He was advanced to assistant superintendent at Wellston in Jackson County, held that position three years, and in 1906 came to Superior as stenographer and pay roll clerk for the Superior Portland Cement Company. In 1910 the company made him cashier, an office he now holds.

Mr. McKitterick was married February 7, 1906, at Berlin in Jackson County to Edith Woodruff, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Woodruff. Her father is a well known Wellston merchant. They became the parents of two children: Margaret, now deceased, and Marjorie. Mr. McKitterick is a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner, a republican in politics, he and his family worship in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Jackson, and they are well known socially both in Jackson and in Lawrence counties. Mr. McKitterick gives close attention to his business, but finds recreation with his family in automobiling.

Capt. Oliver S. Miller. One of the honored old citizens of the Hanging Rock Region who deserves mention in this work was the late Captain Oliver S. Miller, representing one of the old families, himself a soldier of the Civil war, and for many years identified with business affairs in Jackson County.

Capt. Oliver S. Miller was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, July 28, 1837, a son of James H. C. Miller and the latter's first wife, Calista (Story) Miller. James H. C. Miller was born in Massachusetts in 1800, the son of Samuel Miller, a pioneer of Ontario County, New York, where the last years of his life were spent. James H. C. Miller acquired a good education, and when a young man went South, taught school and studied dentistry and surgery. He was a man of parts and education, and a great traveler. He went to South America in the early days, and there participated in the revolution against Spain and held the rank of surgeon in the troops led by General Bolivar. Returning to the United States in 1836, Doctor Miller located in Ohio in Mahoning County, practiced medicine there for a time, but in 1838 moved to Jackson County and settled in Bloomfield Township. Somewhat later he moved to the Town of Jackson, opened a drug store, and was also identified with the iron industry. During the Civil war he went west to Nebraska, lived several years in that state, and then returned to Jackson, where he lived until death.

Captain Miller was brought to Jackson County in infancy, was reared and educated there, and one of his first experiences in young manhood was as clerk in his father's drug store. In 1863 he assisted in recruiting Company F for the 129th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was given a commission as captain in the company. He saw seven months of active service, and on receiving his honorable discharge returned

home. In 1870 Captain Miller engaged in the mercantile business at Jackson, and for about twenty-five years was known to the community as a merchant. After that he lived retired until his death on July 22, 1914.

Captain Miller married Phoebe Ann Steele. She was born at Caldwell, New Jersey, January 16, 1837. Her father, Lot Chester Steele, was born in the same locality in 1808, was reared and educated there, and early learned the trade of shoemaker. In 1838 Mr. Steele went west to Jackson, Michigan, lived there until 1848, and then came to Jackson for a number of years. Some time before the Civil war he was that early time nearly all boots and shoes were made to order and all by hand work, shoemaking machinery having not yet been introduced to any extent. Mr. Steele set up a shop and continued in business in Jackson for a number of years. Some time before the Civil War he was appointed to the office of postmaster, served eight years in that position, was then in the grocery business a few years, after which he lived retired until his death at the age of fifty-eight. Mr. Steele married Catherine Maria Dodd, who was born in Caldwell, New Jersey, and died at Jackson, Ohio, in her eighty-eighth year. She was the mother of two daughters: Josephine E., who married James Dyer, and both are now deceased. Mrs. Miller, the other daughter, was a teacher of music before her marriage. She and her only daughter now occupy the old home on Broadway Street in Jackson. The daughter, Miss Clara, has inherited her mother's musical talent and is also a teacher in that art.

Hon. John R. Freiner. Both as a legislator and as a business man of distinctive initiative ability and progressiveness has Hon. John R. Freiner accounted well to himself and the State of Ohio during the period of his residence in Vinton County, and enduring honor shall be his for his able, loyal and productive service as a member of the State Legislature, from which he retired in 1914, after having served seven consecutive years as representative from Vinton County and as one of the most efficient and influential members ever sent from this county to the lower house of the Legislature. His record was one of characteristic energy, circumspection and determined effort to achieve worthy ends, and he made a definite and commendable impress on the history of Ohio legislation during the period of his earnest and well ordered service. Mr. Freiner was first elected representative of Vinton County in the Legislature in the year 1905, and the estimate placed upon him by his constituency was shown in his re-election in 1905 and for each term thereafter until that which terminated in 1914. While he was active and influential in all deliberations and work of the House during the entire

period of his membership he took the initiative in a number of specially important movements and introduced and championed to enactment a number of bills whose provisions have been of incalculable benefit to the people of the state in general. He is accredited with being sponsor for bill that resulted in the establishing of the two-cent a mile passenger fare on all railroads operating in Ohio, the bill having been introduced by him in the legislative session of 1906. Though measures of similar order had previously met with defeat in the Legislature Mr. Freiner presented the case with such vigor and effectiveness that the justice of the measure could not be denied and it was mainly due to his earnest work that the opposition to the bill was so emasculated as to make possible its enactment. He was prompted by a determination to make the passenger rate uniform and to do away with the special favors and privileges which enabled persons of influence and independence to obtain reduced fares or passes, while the humble laborer, and the woman in straitened circumstances was compelled to pay the three-cent rate. The indefatigable efforts put forth by Mr. Freiner in connection with this bill gained him special prominence and large popular commendation early in his career as a legislator, and it is sufficient to say that thereafter he not only upheld his high reputation but also added much thereto through his further activities in the promotion of wise and equitable legislation. He was assigned to various important committees, including those of banks and banking, taxation, and mines and mining, of which last mentioned he was chairman, and he was fully as zealous and independent in the deliberations of the committee room as he was active and influential in the work on the floor of the House of Representatives.

In connection with industrial and commercial affairs in Ohio Mr. Freiner likewise has shown himself specially progressive and resourceful, and he has achieved wide reputation through his extensive and successful activities in connection with fruit culture. On his farm in Madison Township, Vinton County, he planted in 1905 40,000 peach trees, and this became at the time the largest peach orchard in the entire state. He brought to bear the most approved and scientific methods in the development of this great orchard and his success proved an inspiration to others in essaying similar enterprises. In 1910 Mr. Freiner garnered and shipped from his peach orchard 100 car-loads, and a large part of the orchard is still producing effectively.

Though he is a native of Ohio Mr. Freiner was reared and educated in Michigan, and there he continued his residence until 1885, when, as a young man of about twenty-five years, he returned to the Buckeye State and identified himself with the timber business. In 1892 he established his residence in the Village of Zaleski, Vinton County, and he

has continued one of the representative citizens of this county during the intervening years, which have been marked by large and worthy achievement on his part. Since 1905 he has maintained his home at McArthur, the county seat, and he continued his active and successful operations as a lumber contractor and manufacturer for a quarter of a century, considerable attention still being given by him to this line of enterprise and the year 1914 having recorded the initiation of his activities as a railroad contractor, in which field of enterprise he is proving a successful operator. The political allegiance of Mr. Freiner has always been given unreservedly to the republican party, he has been a close student of economic and governmental affairs and has been a leader in the councils of his party in Southern Ohio during the major part of his residence in Vinton County.

Mr. Freiner was born in Knox County, Ohio, on the 20th of April, 1859, and is a son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Thompson) Freiner, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in the State of New York, their marriage having been solemnized at Newark, Licking County, Ohio, where Lewis Freiner located soon after his immigration to the United States. From Ohio the family eventually removed to St. Clair County, Michigan, and later removal was made to a farm near the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, that state, where the parents passed the remainder of their lives, Mr. Freiner having attained to the age of seventy-one years and his wife having passed away at the age of sixty-three years, a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They became the parents of two sons and two daughters, and both sons are residents of Ohio, while the sisters still maintain their home in Michigan.

John R. Freiner was a lad of seven years at the time of the family removal to St. Clair County, Michigan, where he was reared to adult age on the home farm, near the City of Pontiac, and where he was afforded the advantages of the public schools. Of his final removal from the Wolverine State to Ohio adequate mention has already been made in a preceding paragraph.

In Morgan County, Ohio, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Freiner to Miss Elizabeth Nelson, who was there reared and educated, her parents having continued their residence in that county until their death. Mr. and Mrs. Freiner are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and their pleasant home at McArthur is known for its gracious hospitality. They have no children.

James C. Johnston. Though the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio has large and varied natural resources that have given impetus to

the development of important lines of industry, the prestige of the district as a center of effective agricultural enterprise has been continuously maintained at a high standard, with an intelligent, progressive and loyal contingent of citizens who have paid sturdy allegiance to the great basic industries of agriculture and stock-growing. In Vinton County one of the successful exponents of this important line of enterprise is James C. Johnston, who has been a resident of Swan Township from the time of his birth and who was born and reared on the fine homestead farm which he now owns and operates, in section 18. His status as a representative farmer and popular citizen of his native county well entitles him to definite recognition in this publication.

Mr. Johnston was born on his present farmstead and the date of his nativity was April 24, 1872. He is a son of Thomas Johnston, Jr., who was born in Perry County, this state, a son of Thomas Johnston, Sr. The latter was born and reared in Ireland, of staunch Scotch-Irish stock, and came to the United States when a young man, actuated largely by the desire to avoid military service in his native land. He voyaged to America on a sailing vessel of the type common to that period and in Pennsylvania was solemnized his marriage to Miss Tabitha Chamberlain, who was born and reared in that state. From the old Keystone State they came to Ohio in an early day and numbered themselves among the pioneer settlers of Perry County, where Mr. Johnston obtained land and engaged in farming. Owing to its title being clouded, he finally lost this property, and he then removed with his family to Hocking County, where he improved a good farm and where he and his wife passed the residue of their lives, their remains being interred in the Fairview cemetery or old-time churchyard in that county, and both having been earnest members of the Baptist Church; in politics Mr. Johnston gave allegiance to the whig party, and his death occurred prior to the Civil war. Of the children James, Andrew and Thomas, Jr., became substantial citizens of Ohio and all married and reared children, as did also the four daughters of the family, all of the children being now deceased.

Thomas Johnston, Jr., was born in Perry County, Ohio, July 18, 1822, and was a young man at the time of the family removal to Hocking County, of which Vinton County was then an integral part. In 1852, in what is now Vinton County, he wedded Miss Jane G. Fee, who was born here on the 9th of April, 1832, a member of one of the sterling pioneer families of the county, where she was reared and educated, and where she passed her entire life. Mrs. Johnston was a daughter of John and Sarah C. (Brewer) Fee, both natives of Pennsylvania and both of Scotch-Irish ancestry. They were early settlers of that part of Hocking County, Ohio, that later was segregated therefrom to form Vinton

County, and here they passed the remainder of their lives, Mrs. Fee having died October 17, 1835, while comparatively a young woman, and he having attained to the age of seventy years, his death having occurred March 6, 1878. They reared the following named children: Sandford, John, Jane, Sarah C., Christina, Sallie A. and Margaret.

Thomas Johnston, Jr., and his young wife began their married life in Vinton County, where for a number of years he operated a grist mill near Zaleski, on Raccoon Creek. There were born to them seven children: John, Sanford, Sarah E., Margaret, Doretta, Thomas P. and James C. In 1871 the family removed to the homestead farm now owned and occupied by James C. Johnston, of this sketch, the same being situated near the Village of Creola. Here Mr. Johnston purchased somewhat more than four hundred and twenty acres of well improved land, effectively watered and drained by Raccoon Creek and Brushy Fork. Here Thomas Johnston engaged vigorously and successfully in diversified farming and stock-growing, with special attention given to the raising of sheep, and he made excellent improvements on the farm, including the erection of a substantial nine-room house, a good bank barn, 50x40 feet in dimensions, and other excellent buildings which mark the model farmstead at the present time. He was one of the representative farmers and influential citizens of Swan Township until the time of his death, which occurred on the 20th of November, 1910, and his loved and devoted wife having been summoned to the life eternal on the 15th of February, 1906, Mrs. Johnston having been a devoted member of the Bible Christian Church at Creola and he having contributed liberally to the support of the same, as well as to other objects tending to conserve the moral and general civic wellbeing of the community, his political allegiance having been given to the republican party. The subject of this review is the youngest of the children, all of whom are married and well established in life, and he and Thomas P. are the only ones of the number born on the homestead which he now owns and occupies.

James C. Johnston is indebted to the schools of his native county for his early educational discipline and from his youth to the present time has been closely associated with the work and management of the fine farm of which he is now the owner. By purchase and inheritance he came into possession of the major part of the large landed estate here accumulated by his father, and as a progressive agriculturist and stock-grower he is doing much to maintain the high prestige of farm enterprise in his native county, where he is well known and commands unequivocal popular esteem. In politics he holds tenaciously to the faith that has prevailed in the Johnston family and is a staunch advocate and supporter of

the principles and policies for which the republican party has ever stood sponsor in a basic way. All of his brothers likewise are staunch republicans and all are affiliated with the time-honored Masonic fraternity, in which he himself holds membership in the lodge and chapter of the York Rite at McArthur and with the Council of Royal and Select Masters at Logan, Hocking County. Mr. Johnston is active and appreciative as a member of the Masonic fraternity and has passed the various official chairs in his lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

On April 29th in the year 1908 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Johnston to Miss Alta Stuck, who was born in Richland Township, Vinton County, on the 10th of May, 1886, and who is a daughter of Eugene and Dana (Cozad) Stuck, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Ohio, in which latter state their marriage was solemnized in Fayette County. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stuck removed to Vinton County and settled on a farm in Richland Township, where they still maintain their home. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have five children: Thomas, Mary D., John F., Earl and Carrie J.

Rev. Robert Callaghan. One of the oldest living citizens of the Hanging Rock Iron Region is the Rev. Robert Callaghan, whose useful life began in Madison Township of Jackson County November 26, 1829, more than eighty-six years ago. Rev. Mr. Callaghan became a minister of the Methodist Church before the war, and was for forty years in the active work as pastor and preacher and is now on the superannuated list, and lives quietly at Jackson, one of the much revered men both in his church and in the general ranks of citizenship.

His father, William O. H. Callaghan, was born in Bath County, Virginia, 1797. The grandfather, John Callaghan, was born in County Cork, Ireland, and had a brother Dennis who also came to America and lived in Virginia. Grandfather John Callaghan was a young man when he came to America, locating in Virginia and buying a tract of land in Bath County. Virginia was his home until 1811, when he became one of the pioneers of Ohio. At that time the only means of getting across the mountains into the Ohio Valley was either by walking or riding or driving horses or ox teams. The Callaghan family came through the mountain roads by means of wagons and teams and after a few months in Ross County located in what is now Jackson County where grandfather Callaghan entered a tract of government land in what is now Madison Township. The first home was a log house, occupied for several years until a better residence could be built. Grandfather John Callaghan died there at the age of eighty years. The maiden name of his wife was Margaret Hutchinson, who was born in Virginia of Scotch ancestry.

She died when about seventy years of age. In their home were eight children, five sons and three daughters.

Rev. Mr. Callaghan's father was about fourteen years of age when the family came to Southern Ohio. After he grew up he lived on the farm and finally succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, which continued to be his home until his death at the age of eighty-two. He married Martha Hanna, who was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, a daughter of John Hanna, a native of Virginia and a Revolutionary soldier. John Hanna came to Ohio by the overland route with wagon and teams in 1817, locating in what is now Milton Township in Jackson County, and after improving a farm lived there for a number of years and finally died at the home of a daughter in Madison Township. John Hanna married Jane Grimes, who died at the old place in Milton Township. Mrs. Martha (Hanna) Callaghan was eighty years of age when she died. Long life has therefore been a characteristic of the Callaghan family in practically all its branches. Rev. Mr. Callaghan was one of a family of nine children whose names are: John, Robert, Jane, Benjamin, Martha, William, Angelina, Joseph and Charles.

Robert Callaghan attended one of the primitive old log cabin schools kept in Madison County during the days of his boyhood. It was a log building, with a chimney built up on the outside with sticks and clay and with a stone wall back of the fireplace. Benches were made of rough slabs without backs, and there were no desks in the modern sense of that term. Light was admitted to the building by the simple expedient of leaving out a log from one of the walls, and as there was no glass for a window the cold air was kept out and the light admitted through greased paper. After he had completed the curriculum of this little temple of learning he attended the Citizens Academy at Albany and later attended the Bartlett Commercial College at Cincinnati. Mr. Callaghan became a teacher at the age of seventeen, teaching his first term in the Callaghan schoolhouse, which was later known as the Fox Den School. His work as a teacher continued for several years.

At the age of twenty-seven Mr. Callaghan was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and soon afterwards took up the study of theology. He was licensed as a local preacher in 1858, and joined the Ohio Conference in the same year. For many years he was one of the vigorous religious teachers and leaders in Southern Ohio, and filled many pastorates in different localities. After forty years of active work, he retired from the ministry in 1899.

In September, 1860, Rev. Mr. Callaghan married Mary E. Ridenour. She was born at Hanging Rock in Lawrence County, a daughter of Isaac and Eliza (Duduit) Ridenour. Her death occurred in July, 1910.

There were three children: Robert Henry; Orin G., who died at the age of twenty-two; and Martha E., who died when three years old.

JOHN A. BLANK. The great modern industries require not only the services of executives and business managers, but also of a corps of expert and technically trained men, many of them among the most competent scientists in the country. A number of such men are found in the industrial activities of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and John A. Blank, the assistant superintendent and chief chemist at the Portland Cement Works in Superior is one of the valued representatives in this class. Mr. Blank is a chemist by profession, and has given his services to a large number of cement plants located in different sections of the country during the past fifteen years.

John A. Blank was born in Lehigh County at Allentown, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1879. His parents were Richard B. and Louisa (Steckel) Blank. On both sides the families were among the pioneers of Lehigh County, having come there in the colonial days, and while the Blanks settled on Gordan River the Steckels had their home on Egypt Creek. In both communities are still standing the quaint old-fashioned stone houses, with their small leaded window panes, that represent the family homesteads through various generations, and are still owned by descendants and are the centers for the family reunions which bring together the widely separated clans periodically. Richard B. Blank was born in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, in 1844, spent his active career as a farmer, and still lives at Allentown. The mother was born at Egypt in Lehigh County in 1846. Their seven children were: Maggie, Hattie, Anna, Florence, Edgar, John A. and Peter.

John A. Blank was educated in the public schools of Lehigh County, and spent four years at Muehlenberg College and specialized in chemistry for two years at Lehigh University. At the age of twenty-one Mr. Blank was made chief chemist at the Phoenix Portland Cement Company in Nazareth, Pennsylvania, a year later was made chief chemist at the Bonneville Portland Cement Company in Siegfried, Pennsylvania, and two years later went to the Portland Cement Company at Penllyn, Pennsylvania. Two years were spent there, when he became chief chemist and remained for two years in the Lehigh Portland Cement Company at Newcastle, Pennsylvania, and then came to the Hanging Rock Iron Region and spent four years as chief chemist with the Superior Portland Cement Company. Mr. Blank left Lawrence County to become chief chemist of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company at Mason City, Iowa, for two years, but in 1912 returned to Superior and resumed his former duties as chief chemist. Since the spring of 1914 he has also

served as assistant superintendent, and is one of the stockholders in the company.

Mr. Blank was married April 15, 1901, at Egypt, Pennsylvania, to Laura Peifly, daughter of George Peifly. Their three children are Katherine M. M., Allen J., and Marjorie L. Mr. Blank is a Mason, a democrat in politics, and his church is the Reform Church. He finds his recreation in hunting and fishing and travel and also in automobiling.

Carl O. Whitlatch. Among Lawrence County's younger citizens, one who has busied himself with useful duties since leaving school and has a useful position in his community is Carl O. Whitlatch, at the present time postmaster of Superior.

Carl O. Whitlatch was born at Mount Vernon, Ohio, April 4, 1889, a son of William C. and Martha (Grimes) Whitlatch. His father was born at Vesuvius, Ohio, in Lawrence County, in 1862, and now lives at Superior, while the mother was born at Mount Vernon in 1868. Their seven children are: Carl O., Clarence, Earl, Grace, Ralph, Flora and one that died in infancy.

Carl O. Whitlatch grew up at Vesuvius, and gained an adequate education in the public schools. At the age of seventeen he began work as timekeeper for the Superior Portland Cement Company, and after 1½ years was made bookkeeper for the same company, continuing for 5½ years. In 1913 Mr. Whitlatch received the appointment as postmaster of Superior, and has since given close attention to the details of that work and handles the office in a manner to popularize it with all its patrons.

Mr. Whitlatch was married December 25, 1910, to Emma Pauline Duvendeck, daughter of Adam and Eliza (Putker) Duvendeck of Elizabeth Township, Lawrence County. They have one child, Harold Eugene. Mr. Whitlatch is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men, and is a Mason. His church is the Methodist, and he is a democrat.

Ithamar B. Brookins. One of the well-known old residents of Jackson, Ohio, which city has been his home with the exception of a few years for half a century, Ithamar B. Brookins is a veteran of the Civil war, and has had a long and active career.

Ithamar B. Brookins was born at Trimble, in Athens County, Ohio, November 25, 1846. In the paternal line he is a son of Eleazar and Hannah S. (Price) Brookins, a grandson of Benjamin and Esther (Olds) Brookins, a great-grandson of Ithamar and Judith Brookins, and a great-great-grandson of Philip and Sarah (Keyes) Brookins. His maternal grandparents were James and Nancy D. (Bennett) Price.

James Price was a son of Samuel Price. Nancy D. Bennett was a daughter of Abel and Roxana (Remington) Bennett, while Roxana Remington was a daughter of Peleg Remington. On both sides the ancestry goes back to early American history.

In the maternal line, Abel Bennett was a ship owner and importer. He was married at Warwick, Rhode Island, November 12, 1772, to Roxana Remington. James Price, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Brookins, was a sailor and for several years was captain of a vessel. He was married at Warwick, Rhode Island, November 5, 1801, to Nancy D. Bennett, daughter of Abel Bennett, and in March, 1815, having determined to give up the sea for a vocation, he moved west as far as Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, remained there until 1817, and then with his family embarked on a flat boat and floated down the Ohio River as far as Hockingport. From there they drove across the country to where the Town of Trimble is now located in Athens County. There James Price located on a farm of 160 acres, raw land, and spent a number of years industriously in clearing and improving. While living there his wife, Nancy, died. James Price died in Hocking County, Ohio, when about ninety-three years of age. James and Nancy Price were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to old age.

Of these children Hannah Susan Price, who was the mother of I. B. Brookins, was born at Providence, Rhode Island, February 2, 1815, and on March 6, 1834, was married at Trimble, Ohio, to Henry Anderson, who died August 1, 1841. There were three sons and one daughter in the Anderson family, all of them now deceased. Edmond F., the second son, was a lieutenant in Company F of the Ninth West Virginia Infantry and died of typhoid fever at Charlestown, West Virginia, September 12, 1862. Mrs. Hannah S. (Price) Anderson was married February 21, 1846, to Eleazar Brookins.

This brings the sketch to the paternal line. Philip Brookins, mentioned above as the great-great-grandfather of I. B. Brookins, was a descendant of John Brookins, who came from Tottenes in Devonshire, England, and located in Boston, Massachusetts, about the year 1631 and died there about 1682. Philip Brookins was married November 7, 1727, to Sarah Keyes at Lancaster, Massachusetts. In 1741 he removed to New Marlboro in Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He was the father of a large family of sons, and it is a remarkable fact of Brookins family history that some twelve or thirteen of these sons were soldiers on the American side during the Revolutionary war. One of them was Capt. Ithamar Brookins, the great-grandfather of the Jackson citizen. Captain

Ithamar settled at or near Poultney, Vermont, before the beginning of the Revolution. His wife, Judith, died there. Their son, Benjamin, was married to Esther Olds. Benjamin and Esther moved from Vermont to the State of New York, and while living there the War of 1812 broke out and Benjamin served as a volunteer throughout that conflict. It was Benjamin Brookins who established the family home in Ohio, and though the date is not accurately known, it can be fixed approximately at near the year 1830. The family first settled in Knox County, later moved to Athens County. Benjamin and Esther Brookins were the parents of seven children, two sons and five daughters. Benjamin Brookins died at Trimble, Ohio, in 1850, when about eighty-three years of age, and his wife died near Coolville, Ohio, aged about ninety-three.

Eleazar Brookins, who was a son of Benjamin and Esther, was born in the State of New York January 7, 1802, and died at Trimble, Ohio, February 27, 1851. He was a shoemaker by trade, but after his marriage to Mrs. Hannah S. (Price) Anderson, followed farming until his death. His wife died at Jackson, Ohio, July 3, 1900. They were the parents of four sons: Ithamar B., Asahel P., Cyrus A. and Silas E. Asahel P. died in infancy, but the other three sons are still living and all have their home in Jackson, Ohio.

Ithamar B. Brookins, owing to the early death of his father, had to become self-supporting when nine years of age, and from that time until he was past fifteen was employed by different farmers about Trimble. His military record was made before he reached his legal majority. He was about sixteen when he enlisted in Company A of the 129th Ohio Infantry, and when that regiment was mustered out he re-enlisted and was a corporal in Company E of the 174th Ohio Infantry until the end of the war. Mr. Brookins was mustered out of service with his regiment July 7, 1865. From the army he came back to Ohio and located in the City of Jackson. With the exception of six years spent in Missouri, Jackson County has been his home since 1865. From July, 1865, to September, 1868, he was in business in Jackson and Berlin. At the latter date, a few months after his marriage, he moved to Springfield, Missouri, and for nearly six years had his home in Springfield and in Bolivar, Missouri. He then returned with his family to Jackson. While in Missouri Mr. Brookins learned the carpenter's trade and that was his principal line of employment until 1884. He then took up insurance work as a general agent for the Piqua Insurance Company, and was later advanced to vice president of the company and also filled the position of adjuster. In 1900, on account of failing health, Mr. Brookins was obliged to retire from active

business, and since that time has lived somewhat quietly in Jackson, employing his time and energy in caring for his garden and in growing plants for sale.

Ithamar B. Brookins was married January 1, 1868, to Flora Durrant, daughter of John and Elizabeth Durrant. To their union were born six children, four sons and two daughters. Three of the sons died in infancy. Mrs. Flora Brookins died April 9, 1889, and Mr. Brookins was married February 9, 1892, at Jackson to Sarah E. Durrant. Of his children by his first wife Mr. Brookins reared three: Blanche F., Susan H. and Lindsey R. Blanche F. Brookins was born in Springfield, Missouri, May 6, 1871, and was married January 22, 1890, to John W. Willis. Their three children are: Flora E., born in Chillicothe, Ohio, January 24, 1892, and died at Jackson February 14, 1897; Robert Ithamar, born at Jackson November 10, 1893; and Hester D. E., born at Jackson October 9, 1896. Susan H. Brookins, who was born at Jackson January 9, 1875, and died at North Baltimore, Ohio, February 5, 1900, being buried at Jackson, was married at Jackson December 22, 1897, to James A. Wharton. The two Wharton children are: Helen E., born at Beverly, Ohio, November 8, 1898, died at Beverly November 11, 1898; and Allen B., born at North Baltimore December 23, 1899. Dr. Lindsey R. Brookins, the only living son of Mr. Brookins, was born at Jackson November 10, 1879, and is now a dentist at Cincinnati. Doctor Brookins was married at Cincinnati November 28, 1907, to Nelle Johnson. They have a son, Donald G., who was born in Cincinnati January 29, 1909.

Joseph Gideon Reed. For many years an honored and respected resident of Portsmouth, the late Joseph Gideon Reed held a place of prominence among the active businessmen who contributed so largely toward the development and advancement of the city's mercantile prosperity. A native of Ohio, he was born December 4, 1835, at Piketon, Pike County, a son of William and Rebecca (Chenowith) Reed, and grandson of Samuel and Rebecca (Lucas) Reed. He was of distinguished pioneer descent, the Reed, Chenowith and Lucas families having been among the more influential people that came to Ohio at an early period of its settlement.

Educated in the Piketon schools, Joseph G. Reed was but twelve years of age when he began his mercantile career as a clerk in the store of an uncle, with whom he remained ten years, obtaining a practical insight into the details of the business. Locating in Portsmouth in 1857, he embarked in the drygoods business with his brother, and had just

got well started when the panic of 1857-58 caused a suspension of all kinds of business. The brothers lost heavily, and went out of business for a time, but later paid all obligations. Mr. Reed subsequently clerked for a few years, but in 1865 became a member of the firm of J. M. Rumsey & Company, dealers in drygoods and notions.

In 1866 Josiah Rhoades purchased an interest in the business, which was continued under the firm name of Rhoades & Reed until 1871, when Mr. Reed retired from the firm. Forming a partnership in 1873 with John Peebles, under the firm name of Reed & Peebles, he engaged in the wholesale notion business, to which he later added a line of drygoods. In 1891 William Jordan was admitted to membership in the firm, and in 1897 Mr. Peebles withdrew, and the firm became Reed & Jordan, and continued in active business until the death of Mr. Reed, June 25, 1897. Mr. Reed was a man of excellent judgment and ability, and under his able management the business of the firm with which he was so long connected substantially increased, assuming large proportions. Since the death of Mr. Reed the business has been incorporated as the Joseph G. Reed Company, of which Mr. Reed's son, Edward T. Reed, is the president.

Mr. Reed married, November 16, 1865, Anne Maria Newman, who was born at Staunton, Virginia, a daughter of William and Catherine (Ott) Newman. Mrs. Reed is a lineal descendant of the immigrant ancestor, Thomas Newman, the line of descent being as follows: Thomas,[1] Thomas,[2] Alexander,[3] Thomas,[4] Alexander,[5] Reuben,[6] William,[7] and Anne Maria.[8] Thomas[1] Newman, born in England in 1620, was but fifteen years old when, in 1635, he came in the brig "Joanna" to America, and located in Virginia, where he spent the remainder of his life. Thomas[2] Newman was a life-long resident of Virginia, dying there about 1705. Alexander[3] Newman spent his earlier years in Lancaster, Virginia, where the stone mill he erected is said to be still standing. He subsequently removed with his family to Culpeper County. Thomas[4] Newman married Eliza, daughter of William Morton of Orange County, Virginia. Alexander[5] Newman married Frances Bowen, daughter of Andrew Bowen. Reuben[6] Newman, Mrs. Reed's grandfather, married Catharine Ott. Coming with his family to Ohio in 1840, he bought property in Highland County, where his death occurred during the same year. His widow survived him for a long time, living to be ninety-four years of age. William[7] Newman was one of the early pioneers of Scioto County, and for many years a prominent resident of Portsmouth. A more extended history of his life may be found on another page of this volume, in connection with the sketch of his son, George O. Newman.

Mrs. Reed now lives in the house erected by her father in 1842, it being the only home she has ever known. The house was substantially built, but has since been enlarged and improved, and is a most pleasant and attractive home. Mr. and Mrs. Reed reared five children, namely: Sallie, wife of Dr. Edward Seamans, has two children, Anne Newman and Abigail Merrick; William R., residing in Colorado; Edward T., president of the Joseph G. Reed Company, married Lena Kline, and they have one child, Evelyn; Bertha, wife of Earl Pursell, has three children, William McClain, Joanne Reed and Edward Reed; and Charles N., the fourth child in succession of birth, died February 23, 1906. Mrs. Reed is a member of the Bigelow Methodist Episcopal Church, to which Mr. Reed also belonged.

JOHN PETERS, SR. Among the ironmasters of Southern Ohio one of the men credited with most of the pioneer undertakings was the late John Peters, Sr. He probably built more furnaces than any other man in the state. In every sense of the term he was self-made, and his life was one of great activity and usefulness. He lived to advanced years, well preserved in body and mind, and at a green old age was still identified with the iron industry in Lawrence County. He well deserved the wealth which his labors and judgment accumulated, and had many admirable qualities as a business man and in his personal and civic character.

John Peters, Sr., was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1814, a son of Henry and Rebecca (Wilhelm) Peters, both natives of Pennsylvania. It was due to the influence of Judge Salters, who was long a prominent citizen of Portsmouth, that the Peters family came to Southern Ohio. In 1831 Judge Peters moved to Ohio and on a visit to Pennsylvania in 1833 induced Henry Peters and the latter's brother-in-law, George Wurtz, afterwards prominent in the iron industry, to return to Ohio with him. They landed at Wheelersburg, and settled at Scioto Furnace, Scioto County, where they lived three years.

John Peters had practically no advantages in schools, but by long experience among men and affairs made up to a great extent his lack of early education. At the age of nineteen he began for himself by learning the moulder's trade at Pine Grove Furnace, Lawrence County. Two years later he took up the manufacture of charcoal at Mount Vernon Furnace, a business that engaged him for five years, and with profitable returns. Then associated with J. O. Willard he leased the Buckhorn Furnace, and was manager 2½ years. During the '40s he built the Greenup Furnace in Greenup County, Kentucky, later called

the Honeywell Furnace. A year later he returned to Ohio and joined John Campbell, Madison Cole, William Clements and J. L. Thompson in building the Olive Furnace, with Mr. Peters in superintendence of the construction work. He continued as its active manager for about six years.

He next removed to Ironton, and was one of a company consisting of Samuel McConnel, Isaac Peters, John Campbell, W. M. Bowles and Thomas McGovney who built the Washington Furnace, the erection of which he superintended. In 1855 Mr. Peters superintended the building of the Monroe Furnace in Jackson County, the company consisting of S. McConnel, Thomas McGovney, Isaac Peters, W. M. Bowles, Professor Mathers, John Campbell and John Peters, the last two owning a controlling interest in this furnace. In 1855 Mr. Peters also constructed the Madison Furnace in the same county, the owners of which were J. P. Terry of Portsmouth, J. Bentley, M. R. Tuksbarry, F. Duduit, John Campbell and John Peters. This was a very profitable investment.

Mr. Peters sold out his interests in Madison Furnace in 1867. In 1865 he formed a partnership with his brother, Isaac, and opened a banking house at Ironton under the name J. Peters & Company, a business which was continued for three years. He then superintended the building of the Monitor Furnace, owned by Isaac Peters, Joseph Bimpson, F. E. Duduit, William Simington, John Ballard and himself. He afterwards bought individually the Lawrence Furnace from Culbertson, Means & Company. This was an old furnace, built in 1834, and when a young man John Peters had been employed there as a laborer. It remained for many years a valuable property, and was long owned and controlled entirely by the Peters family.

Aside from his work as an ironmaster, Mr. Peters was one of the leading men who laid out the Town of Ironton and built the Iron Railroad; was one of the originators of the old Star Nail Mill, under the name Peters, James & Company, this establishment later becoming the Bellefont Iron Works; was one of the original owners of the Olive Foundry and Machine Shops; likewise laid out the Town of Petersburg, four miles above Ironton, and built the Monitor Furnace at that place, the town being named in his honor.

After selling the Washington and Monroe furnaces Mr. Peters purchased 300 acres of land and laid out an addition to the Town of Portland in Jackson County. He was at one time interested in the old Ironton rolling mill, later the New York and Ohio Iron and Steel Works Company, and in the Gallia Furnace in Gallia County.

For a number of years Mr. Peters voted with the whig party, and

later with the republican until 1875, when becoming dissatisfied with party management he withdrew and went over to the democrats. He always took a lively interest in political campaigns, and occasionally appeared before public audiences to expound his political ideas. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from 1836 and long held the office of steward.

His first wife was Sarah McDaniel, who died August 30, 1842, the mother of four children. His second wife was Mary C. Duduit, of the prominent Southern Ohio family of that name. They were married December 23, 1843, and six children were born to their union. The sons were all educated in the public schools of Ironton, and George had a course in Athens College. The daughters were educated in the Wesleyan Female College at Cincinnati. The sons, George, Charles and Ptolemy, were all at one time connected with the Lawrence Furnace. William Peters occupied a high place as superintendent of iron mines and of the Bellefont Iron Works Company. John Peters, Jr., became superintendent of the Car Wheel Iron Company at Petersburg. James F. Peters built up a business in the insurance line at Ironton, which in time gave him probably four-fifths of all the business transacted in that line in Ironton, and made one of the best concerns in the state. James F. Peters was married November 27, 1849, to Jennie, the oldest daughter of Edward James Bird. Mary A. Peters, the oldest daughter of John Peters, married C. H. Spaler. Another daughter, Rebecca, became the wife of the great Methodist divine and chaplain, later Bishop C. C. McCabe. The daughter Martha A. married M. S. Bartram, and Josephine became the wife of a Chillicothe lawyer, A. B. Cole.

Edward James Bird, Sr. One of the most noted ironmasters not only of the Hanging Rock Region but in the industry in its worldwide extension, was Edward James Bird, Sr., for many years a resident of Ironton. He was extensively identified with the business in three-quarters of the globe, and to such an extent as to entitle him to be called one of the leading ironmasters of the world. Probably no man in America was for so long a time actively engaged in that department of industry. He started in the business when only eight years of age, and passed his fiftieth year without losing a single week's salary. He was a man of remarkable activity, energy and industry, had engaging social qualities, and was highly respected as a citizen.

He was born in Staffordshire, England, April 30, 1828, the oldest of a family of seven children born to John and Sarah (Green) Bird. His early book education was very meager, and was received for the most part in evening schools up to the age of fifteen. At the age of

eight he was apprenticed to the iron manufacturing industry, beginning as a helper in refining pig iron, at which he was kept four years. For the next three years he was in the rolling mill at merchant iron-rolls, and then for three years at general furnace work. At the age of eighteen he was put in charge as keeper of the cold blast coke furnace at Woodside Iron Works, Staffordshire. After a few years there he was employed as a puddler in the Oak Farm Iron Works, and then became keeper of a blast furnace at Oldbury Iron Works, Worcestershire, and remained there several years as second assistant manager. He subsequently became founder at the Ormsby Iron Works at Middlesboro on the Tees in Yorkshire.

In 1858 the British government sent him to the East Indies to instruct the natives in the manufacture of iron. He remained there nearly three years, and at the end received from the government $500 in gold and a silver medal as a reward for having made the first castings ever produced in that part of the country. This casting was a hammer for forging iron, and is now in the East India House in London, and bears his initials. In three days after returning from the East Indies he was engaged to go to the Bremagwynine Iron Works in Glamorganshire, South Wales. A little more than a year later he went to the North of England and for about five years was assistant manager for the Norton Iron Works, and was also contractor, moulder and instructor with that concern.

Following this came another important distinction in his career. At Marinha-Grandem, a village of Estremadura, he erected the first charcoal blast furnace ever built in the Kingdom of Portugal. Somewhat later he again visited Portugal for the purpose of instructing the people in the manufacture of pig iron and castings. About that time he became connected as manager of the Glaisedale Iron Works near Whitby, Yorkshire, and while thus engaged demonstrated the practical ability of working the Titanic ore into pig iron, and from that into chilled shot. He deserves credit as being the originator of this reducing process. The secret of the flux was stolen from him, and for years afterwards was employed at the Norton Iron Works.

Mr. Bird came to America in 1868 to superintend the building of the Player hot blast stoves and blast furnaces. His first engagement was for the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company of Maryland for the building and putting into operation their furnaces near Frostburg. He next built and started a blast furnace for Mendenhall & Gaylord at Covington, Kentucky, and afterwards a furnace at Washington, Pennsylvania. In the fall of 1869 he removed to Chicago to erect the blast furnaces for the North Chicago Rolling Mill Company, remaining

there about two years in superintending this plant. In the meantime he built two furnaces at Milwaukee. About three weeks before the furnaces were blown in, John Player, who was director of the work, died, and Mr. Bird took charge of affairs and brought to a successful culmination the Player interests. Mr. Player's daughter, one of his administrators, subsequently wrote to Mr. Bird as follows: "I am truly thankful to you for your kind care and attention in carrying out Mr. Player's wishes and intentions so well. My dear father always had the very highest opinion of your knowledge and judicious management, as well as your kind heart; and all I wish and strive to do is to act in his spirit and to deal generously with those who have been true and faithful to him."

In 1871 Mr. Bird took up his residence at Milwaukee, living there about five years, superintending the furnaces he had erected, and in the meantime building another, known as the Kinnikinnick Blast Furnace, and having charge of the entire group of furnaces. Mr. Bird removed to Ironton, Ohio, in 1877, and thereafter was engaged as superintendent of the Etna Iron Works.

The furnaces designed or built by Mr. Bird in this country may be briefly enumerated as follows: Covington, Maryland, Johnstown, Chicago, Milwaukee, Kinnikinnick, Big Lucy, Soho, that for Moorhead & Company at Pittsburg, Belmont, the Top Mill in Wheeling, and the Ogden near Salt Lake City. He also remodeled the Marquette Furnace on Lake Superior.

During the course of his long career Mr. Bird worked, according to their analyses and on scientific principles, all the better known iron ores in the world.

July 2, 1854, Mr. Bird married Mary Skelding. To them were born thirteen children, six still living. The oldest daughter, Jennie, is the wife of James Peters of Ironton. The other daughters were Polly and Lillie. The oldest son, Edward James, Jr., finished his education in Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College at Chicago, and in the University of Michigan, and became a practical and scientific furnace man, becoming manager of the Bellefont Blast Furnace at Ironton. The other sons were Frank and Arthur.

Jennie Bird Peters. The oldest daughter of the late Edward James Bird, Jennie Bird, was born in Oldbury, Worcestershire, England, and came with her parents to America at the age of eleven, subsequently living in Frostburg, Maryland, Chicago and in Milwaukee. Her parents sent her back to England to pursue her education and

studies in music, and after some absence abroad she returned to Milwaukee, and in 1886 the family removed to Ironton.

On November 27, 1889, Miss Bird married James Francis Peters, youngest son of John Peters, Sr. Their first child, Mildred Bird Peters, was born February 9, 1881; Frank Bird Peters was born February 21, 1883; James Francis Peters was born November 2, 1888; and Jennie Bird Peters was born after the death of her father on August 16, 1892. James Francis Peters died January 7, 1892.

Mildred Bird Peters, the oldest of the children, married Edwin Ervin MacNary, a well-known business man of Ironton, and to their union were born three daughters: Ethylwynne, the older of twin daughters, died September 23, 1913; Mildred Peters, the other twin, is now ten years of age; and Helen, the youngest daughter, is aged nine. Frank Bird Peters, the oldest son, was educated in the Ironton public schools, and at the age of sixteen was employed by the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton Railway to establish the car service, and was later freight agent, and then became agent and traffic man at Lawrence Furnace, subsequently traveled as traffic man for the Superior Portland Cement Company, and is now connected with the Lee-Hi Cement Company. James Francis Peters, the second, at the age of sixteen was chemist at the Bird Iron Company in Lawrence, then as chemist at Jackson, at Perryville, Pennsylvania, was employed in looking up coke for the Jackson Company in Virginia, and is now connected with the Indiana Harbor Iron Company at Indiana Harbor, Indiana. Jennie Bird Peters, the youngest daughter, still lives at home. The son Frank Bird Peters married Miss Barbara Neecamp, daughter of Mrs. Theo Neecamp, a business woman of Ironton. They were married August 12, 1908, and to the union have been born two children: Frank Bird Peters, Jr., and Barbara Peters. This family is living in East St. Louis. Mildred Peters finished her education at Delaware, Ohio, in art and music.

George M. Swepston, M. D. Of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, to which this publication is devoted, it may with all consistency be said that Doctor Swepston is an essentially representative practicing physician, and he is engaged in the successful practice of his exacting profession at McArthur, the attractive judicial center of Vinton County, where he is an able and honored exponent of the Eclectic school of medicine. A man of recognized technical skill, earnest in his devotion to his humane vocation and genial and considerate in all of the relations of life, he naturally has secure place in popular confidence and good will and is one of the loyal and public spirited citizens of Vinton County.

Graduated as a physician and surgeon in the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical College as a member of the class of 1890, Doctor Swepston, in November of the same year, established his residence at McArthur, where he has since been engaged in active general practice and where he has won prestige as one of the leading representatives of the medical profession in Vinton County. He is county physician for the Ohio Industrial Commission in Vinton County and for seventeen years was physician for Vinton County's Children's Home and two years for County Infirmary. He is also examining physician for a number of prominent life insurance companies and fraternal insurance orders.

Special interest attaches to the achievement of Doctor Swepston in his chosen field of endeavor, by reason of the fact that he is a native son of Vinton County and a representative of one of the old and honored families of this favored section of the Buckeye State. He was born in Richland Township, Vinton County, on the 22d of October, 1861, and was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm, in the work of which he early began to assist, the while he made good use of the advantages afforded in the schools of the locality. He early formulated definite plans for his future career and in consonance with his ambition to prepare himself for the medical profession he began his technical reading under the effective preceptorship of Doctor Wescott, who was then engaged in practice at Allensville and who now maintains his residence in Columbus, Ohio. In fortifying himself fully for the work of his chosen calling Doctor Swepston finally entered the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical College, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1890, as previously intimated in this context.

Doctor Swepston now holds precedence as the oldest representative of his profession at McArthur, in point of years of continuous practice in this thriving town, and his ability and personal popularity have been the mediums through which he has developed his large and representative practice. He has the distinction of being the only exponent of the eclectic school of practice in Vinton County, and his individual success amply demonstrates its efficiency and benignancy. The doctor has entered fully into the community affairs, has become the owner of a most attractive residence property at McArthur and is known as a liberal and public spirited citizen who is ever ready to lend his influence and co-operation in the furtherance of measures and enterprises projected for the general well-being of his home village and county, where he is specially well known and where his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances.

Doctor Swepston is a son of Edward and Maria (Montgomery) Swepston, the former of whom was born in the State of Virginia, on

the 24th of January, 1823, and the latter of whom was born in Belmont County, Ohio, on the 15th of March, 1822, a date that indicates most conclusively that her parents were numbered among the pioneers of that section of the state.

Edward Swepston was about one year old at the time when his parents came from Virginia to Ohio and settled in Gallia County, whence, in 1835, they came to what is now Vinton County and became pioneers of the county, which was then an integral part of Jackson County. John Ashford Swepston, grandfather of the subject of this review, here entered claim to a tract of government land, in Richland Township, where he reclaimed a farm from the forest wilderness and lived up to the full tension of pioneer life. The original family domicile was a loghouse of the primitive type common to the locality and period, and the domestic larder gained its supplies largely through the medium of the untrammeled preserve in which were to be found deer and other wild game, besides such less desirable game as wolves, bear, etc. John A. Swepston, a man of strong individuality and impregnable integrity, became one of the influential citizens of the pioneer community, and he served many years in the office of justice of the peace. They continued to reside on their old homestead farm in Richland Township until their death, he having attained to the venerable age of eighty-two years of age and she having passed away at the age of seventy-five years. Mrs. Swepston was born and reared in Virginia, where her marriage was solemnized, and her maiden name was Winnie Bruce. The father of John A. Swepston was born in the north of Ireland, of sterling Scotch ancestry, and after his marriage he came with his wife to America and established his home in the historic old State of Virginia, where they passed the remainder of their lives. The democratic party received the allegiance of the representative of the Swepston family until the climacteric period of the Civil war, when most of the adult men of the family transferred their support to the republican party.

Edward Swepston passed the period of his childhood and early youth on the pioneer farm, but he also served a thorough apprenticeship to the trade of cabinetmaker and became a skilled artisan. In the pioneer days he found much requisition for his services in the making of coffins, which were made to order at the time of the decease of residents of the pioneer community, there having been at the time no disposition to provide a surplus stock, as shown in the pretentious undertaking establishments of the twentieth century. He was the pioneer wagonmaker of Vinton County and was able to construct a wagon when only seventeen years old. Edward Swepston was for a number of years employed as a skilled woodworker in the car shops of various railroads, and in

Vinton County are yet standing many substantial houses that attest his ability as a carpenter and builder. He was a man whose life was guided and governed by lofty principles of integrity and honor, he commanded the unqualified confidence and esteem of all who knew him, and in the sanctuary of the home he was known and revered as a devoted husband and father. He was repeatedly called upon to serve in local offices of public trust, and in each he served with characteristic ability and fidelity. He was a member of a family of seven sons and seven daughters, all of whom attained to years of maturity and all of whom married and reared children, the last surviving member being Charles, who maintained his home in Ross County, this state. He was the last of this pioneer family to pass away, his death having occurred in 1915 at the age of eighty-two years.

On the 24th of October, 1845, was solemnized the marriage of Edward Swepston to Miss Maria Montgomery, who proved to him a loving companion and helpmeet and whose gentle devotion to her children causes them to hold her name in reverent affection and to "rise up and call her blessed." For nearly sixty years Edward Swepston and his wife walked side by side down the pathway of life, and the gracious companionship was severed by his death, which occurred at their home in McArthur on the 29th of October, 1901, she having been summoned to the life eternal on the 3d of March, 1909, the names of both meriting enduring place on the roll of the honored pioneer citizens of Vinton County, where they lived and labored to goodly ends and where their kindly influence proved a benediction upon all whom it rested. Of their children the eldest is Daniel, who now maintains his residence at Washington, Indiana, where he is engaged as a pattern-maker in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Lydia became the wife of Ezekiel Jarvis and is now deceased, she being survived by one son and one daughter. Elizabeth died at the age of twenty-three years, Mary at the age of six years and Lowell at the age of six months. Dr. George M., of this review, was the next in order of birth. Ellsworth G., who now resides in the City of Cincinnati, has been in the service of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company since 1887, as a mechanic and later as car inspector. His wife is deceased and is survived by four children. Etta is the wife of John Seal of McArthur, Vinton County, and they have no children.

Doctor Swepston is found aligned as a staunch and loyal supporter of the principles and policies for which the republican party has ever stood sponsor in a basic way, but he has subordinated all else to the exacting demands of his profession and has manifested no desire for public office of any description. He is an active member of the National

Eclectic Medical Association and the Ohio State Eclectic Medical Association, with both of which he has been identified since 1896, and through the medium of which he is aided in keeping in close touch with the advances made in medical and surgical science. He is also a member of the alumni association of the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical College. The doctor has passed the various official chairs in McArthur Lodge No. 198, Knights of Pythias.

The Swepston family has been specially proficient in musical talent, and the doctor has found much of diversion and pleasure in developing his ability along this line of art. He has more than ordinary skill as a violinist, and as such has been frequently called upon to give his interpretations on various public occasions, besides which he now finds in his home an effective coadjutor in his niece, Ida O. Swepston, who is also his foster daughter, and who is showing marked talent as a pianist, so that she proves an effective accompanist to him in his violin renditions.

On the 1st day of May in the year 1892 was solemnized the marriage of Doctor Swepston to Miss Mary Long, who likewise was born and reared in Vinton County, and who is a daughter of Isaac and Martha (McMarland) Long, both natives of the State of Pennsylvania, whence they came to Ohio and established their residence in Vinton County prior to the Civil war, the residue of their lives having been passed on their homestead farm, in Elk Township, near the Village of McArthur, and both having been highly esteemed citizens of the county for many years prior to their demise. Doctor and Mrs. Swepston have no children, but in their home resides as their virtual foster-daughter their niece, Ida O. Swepston, who was born on the 1st of August, 1902, and who is attending the public schools of McArthur, besides being given excellent musical training, as already intimated.

John Keller. Of the families which have contributed to the agricultural welfare and development of Jackson County, one of the best known and most highly regarded is that bearing the name of Keller, of whom a worthy representative is found in the person of John Keller, a substantial agriculturalist of Scioto Township. This family was founded here by Peter Keller, grandfather of John, and one of the earliest settlers of Scioto Township, where he secured a tract of land in section 36, built a loghouse in the wilderness, and at once commenced to clear a farm. He was industrious and energetic, succeeded in the cultivation of his first property, subsequently bought other lands and improved them, and at the time of his death was the owner of upwards of 600 acres of land. He married a Miss Carpenter, and their

children were as follows: Susanne, who married Elijah Crabtree; Miriam, who married Washington Bennett; Sallie, who married Ed Crabtree; Polly, who married Enoch Crabtree; Drusilla, who married Cicero Davis; Macey Ann, who married James McGow; John, who went West as a young man and was never again heard from; and George W.

George W. Keller, the father of John Keller, was born in Scioto Township, Jackson County, Ohio, and was reared amid agricultural surroundings. He inherited a part of his father's estate and purchased the interests of the other heirs, and here resided throughout his life as a farmer, dying at the age of fifty-five years. Mr. Keller married Miss Catherine Comer, who was born on Symmes Creek, Lawrence County, Ohio, in April, 1827, her father being Adam Comer. He was born in Greenbriar County, Virginia, and was there reared, educated and married, coming to Ohio accompanied by his wife, and making the journey with a team. He had learned the blacksmith trade in his youth and this vocation he followed in Lawrence County until 1830, in which year he came to Hamilton Township, Jackson County, at that time all a wilderness. The greater part of this land was then for sale at $1.25 an acre by the United States Government, from whom Mr. Comer bought a tract on which he erected a log cabin. He devoted his energies to working at his trade while his children were engaged in clearing the land and tilling the soil, and there he continued to make his home until his death, when he was about eighty years of age. Mr. Comer married Miss Elizabeth Fritz, who was born in South Carolina and went to Virginia with her parents. She died at the remarkable age of ninety-three years. There were thirteen children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Comer, namely: Philip, Earl, Mary, Susan, Elizabeth, Margaret and Fanny (twins), Catherine, George and John (twins), Henry, Adam and Martin. Mrs. Keller, who still survives her husband, resides at Stockdale, in Pike County, Ohio, and has been the mother of eleven children, as follows: Emily J., John, Dennis, Peter, Caroline, Katie, Maggie, William, Ira, Mary and Millie.

John Keller attended the district schools of Scioto Township, where he was born November 23, 1851, and where his entire career has been passed. He was reared to habits of industry and honesty and commenced at a very early age to assist his father and brothers in the cultivation of the homestead place. After a number of years Mr. Keller succeeded to the ownership of this property, and is one of the few men of Jackson County now living on original homesteads. At the age of twenty-five years Mr. Keller was married to Dorcas Crabtree, daughter of Alexander and Louisa (Kincaid) Crabtree, pioneers of Scioto Township. Five children have been born to this union: Roscoe, who died

at the age of fourteen years; Loring, who was twelve years of age at the time of his death; George O., who was first married to Sarah Johnson, who died leaving a son, Millard, and was married again to Connie Carroll and has two sons, George O., Jr., and John; Daisy M., who married A. J. Eckhart, and died leaving three children, Gladys, Edith and Marion; and Ivy E., who married Henry Reigle and died leaving a son, Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Keller are members of the Baptist Church. He belongs to Scioto Grange and to Alhambra Lodge No. 554, Knights of Pythias. As a citizen he has ever been foremost in promoting movements for the general welfare, and is generally esteemed in his community for his many admirable traits of character.

Horatio Seymour Jordan. In all Vinton County there is probably no more picturesque and attractive homestead than that of Horatio S. Jordan in section 10 of Jackson Township. It is in that fine community so distinguished by the sterling character of its citizens known as Locust Grove. The farm comprises eighty acres in the northeast quarter of section 10, and it is all well improved and grows abundant crops of corn, wheat, apples, peaches and poultry. He might be classified as a specialty farmer, and has made his success by giving close attention and study to the production of fruit and poultry.

This has been his home since 1884, when he inherited the farm from his father. His father had acquired it in 1854 from Warren Dennison, who in turn got it from Ephraim Bone, who entered it from the Government about 100 years ago. The buildings on the farm are in a very substantial condition. The conspicuous feature of the place is the living spring which furnishes a perpetual supply of water for all stock and domestic purposes. This spring is a somewhat remarkable feature in the physical geography of Ohio, since it comes out of the ground at an elevation higher than any other in the state. It is 1,050 feet above sea level. The waters of this spring after serving the purposes of the Jordan farm becomes the headwaters of Salt Creek, flow through that stream into the Scioto River, thence into the Ohio and Mississippi and finally mingles with the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Jordan's home is also one of the highest in elevation in Vinton County, its situation being 1,100 feet above sea level.

Mr. Jordan was born on this farm April 19, 1864, a son of James and Sarah (Turner) Jordan. His father was born in Noble County, Ohio, in 1819, and his mother in Loudoun County, Virginia, in 1821. When she was a child she lost her parents and came with her grandparents to Noble County, where she lived with them until they died

when quite old people. James Jordan and wife were married in Noble County, and while living there five daughters were born to them, namely: Rachel E., who married Nelson Lee, and died in Vinton County, leaving three sons and one daughter, who are still living, while a son and a daughter died young. I. Jane married Stephen G. Davis, and after the death of her husband she died on the old homestead, leaving a son, Samuel P., who is still living, and a daughter, Iva, deceased. Sarah S. married Samuel Bone, and both died about the same time in Vinton County, leaving three sons and three daughters, two of the daughters and two of the sons being now married. Almira married John Shaw, and both died in Pickaway County, Ohio, leaving three daughters, two of them still living. Viola died at the age of twenty-two, unmarried. The parents of these children spent the greatest part of their lives in Vinton County, and James Jordan died in 1884. He was a democrat, and a very active Methodist. His widow survived him a number of years and passed away October 7, 1905, at the home of her son, Horatio. She was also a member of the Methodist Church.

Horatio S. Jordan was the only son and is now the only living child born to his parents. He was the only one of the family born in Vinton County. He received a good education, and when only about sixteen years of age qualified himself as a teacher in his home township. His first school was in the Otterbein District, and altogether he continued his work as an educator for twelve years in this county. In the meantime he had become closely associated with the management of the home farm and for many years has been its proprietor and has given all his time to its cultivation.

In the Locust Grove community he married a neighbor girl, Miss Etta A. Shively. She was born in Jackson Township August 7, 1868, and was reared and educated in that community. She was an excellent wife and mother and her death on March 28, 1910, was a severe bereavement to the home circle. Her parents were John and Ellen (Ramey) Shively, both of whom were born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and were married in Vinton County. They lived for many years in Jackson Township, where they died. The day after John Shively married he joined as a private the 90th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and spent full three years in the service of the Union army, participating in many battles and skirmishes and arduous campaigns. He escaped without a wound, and after the war he rejoined his family. He died in 1909. His widow is still living, and was born in 1846. She is an active member of the Locust Grove Methodist Church.

Mr. Jordan is the father of three sons and three daughters. Wini-

fred, who was educated for a teacher, is the wife of John Amerine, a farmer in Hocking County, and their two daughters are named Ruth and Edith. Harry C., who acquired a business college education and is now engaged in insurance and real estate at Lancaster, Ohio, married Lulu Patton. Sarah E., after getting her education in the public schools, married Ernest Bishop, and they live in Jackson Township and have a son named Glenneth. Dorothy M. is still single and lives at home with her father, and the two younger children are Lane E. and Lloyd N., both at home and attending school. Mr. Jordan and his family are all members of the Locust Grove Methodist Church. He has been one of the most earnest supporters of this congregation, served as class leader for a number of years and for ten years was superintendent of the Sunday School. His interest in public affairs has also extended to service for two terms as a member of the board of education.

John M. Murphy. A long line of really efficient and loyal executives have guarded and administered the fiscal affairs of Vinton County, and the present incumbent of the office of county treasurer has fully upheld the high standard set by his predecessors, the estimate placed upon his administration being significantly shown in his re-election to office in the autumn of 1914 for a second term of two years, his first incumbency of the position having been by election in 1904. He has maintained his residence at McArthur, the county seat, for nearly a quarter of a century, is a native son of Vinton County and commands the high esteem of the entire community, the while he is a representative of one of the old and honored families of this section of the state.

John M. Murphy, to whom the foregoing tribute applies, was born on his father's farm in Richland Township, Vinton County, Ohio, on the 24th of August, 1860, and is a son of Joseph J. and Caroline (Martindill) Murphy. His father was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, on the 11th of April, 1824, and was a scion of one of the well known pioneer families of that section of the state, where he was reared to adult age and received the advantages of the common schools of the period. As a young man he came to Vinton County and here was solemnized his marriage to Miss Caroline Martindill. They settled on a farm in Richland Township and he developed his land into one of the valuable rural estates of the county, besides having long held prestige as one of the substantial and progressive farmers and loyal citizens of the township that so long represented his home. Joseph J. Murphy continued to reside on his well improved homestead farm until his death, in November, 1913, at which time he was nearly ninety years of age. His widow still survives him and celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday anniversary

in 1915. Her brother, James A. Martindill, died when ninety years of age, lacking three days. Mrs. Murphy has long been a zealous and devout member of the Christian Church, as was also her husband, his political allegiance having been given unreservedly to the republican party and he having been for many years influential in local political activities, though he never sought public office. Of the children the eldest was Rachel, who became the wife of James Taylor. Both are now deceased and they are survived by two sons and one daughter. Matilda Jane, is the wife of James L. Johnston and they maintain their home at Wellston, Jackson County, their children being several in number. John M., of this review, was the next in order of birth. Sevenia M. is the wife of Robert M. Colville and they reside in the City of Columbus, Ohio, their children being one son and two daughters. Dr. Joseph A. is a representative physician and surgeon in the City of Columbus, where he completed his course and was graduated in Starling Medical College when a young man. He has a family. Dr. James W. became one of the prominent and honored physicians and surgeons in Vinton County, where he continued in the practice of his profession until his death, his widow and their three daughters being now residents of Ross County, this state. Anna A., the next in order of birth, is the wife of Charles E. Carson, of McArthur, Vinton County, and they have one son. Samuel E., who is the youngest of the number, resides on the old homestead of his father and is one of the representative farmers and teachers of Richland Township. He is married and has a family of children.

The present treasurer of Vinton County was reared under the invigorating discipline of the home farm and acquired his early education in the schools of Richland Township, where he continued his identification with the fundamental art of agriculture until he had attained to the age of twenty-three years. He then removed to the county seat, the Village of McArthur, and here he has been long associated with the mercantile business of Isaac M. Lantz, his relations therewith having been severed when he assumed the office of county treasurer. Mr. Murphy has taken a lively and loyal interest in all that touches the welfare of his home village and native county and has served for a long period as a member of the board of education of McArthur, of which important body he has been president for two years. In addition to his effective service as county treasurer he has held for a term of years the further fiduciary office of treasurer of the Village of McArthur. His interest in educational affairs has been vitalized through his former association with the pedagogic profession, as a representative of which he devoted about nine years to successful work as a teacher in the schools of his native

county, prior to becoming connected with the hardware establishment of Mr. Lantz. His popularity and ability as a pedagogue are indicated by the fact that he taught thirty-two months in a single district school. His political support is given to the republican party and he has given yeoman service in behalf of its cause, both he and his wife being members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the family being one of prominence in connection with the representative social activities of the Village of McArthur.

In Hocking County in the year 1891 recorded the marriage of Mr. Murphy to Miss Mary Huston, who was born and reared in Jackson County, Ohio. The date of her nativity having been May 1, 1864. She is a daughter of Martin V. and Sarah (Daneyhoff) Huston, who are natives respectively of Ohio and Pennsylvania and who now, venerable in years, maintain their home at McArthur, Mr. Huston having served for many years, and with consecrated zeal, as a minister of the United Brethren Church. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have four children: Miss Ethel, who received excellent educational advantages, remains at the parents' home and is a popular factor in the social life of the community. J. Martin, who was graduated in the McArthur High School, is a young man of sterling character and much progressiveness, and he now maintains his residence in the State of North Dakota. John Kent remains at the parental home and is identified with the automobile business, he having been graduated in a school of practical motoring. Leland E., the youngest son, is still attending the public schools of McArthur.

Finley A. Hughes. The character of any community can be best judged by the men of light and leading who give color to its affairs and who sustain the burden of its activities. One of the most interesting rural localities in Vinton County is New Plymouth, a village which serves as a market, school, church and social center for a community of wholesome, law abiding and upright people. During the last quarter of a century the business leader of this community as also a man whose work has been important in every movement for good has been Finley A. Hughes, whose standing as a merchant and citizen is a fact unquestioned in all that section of the country.

In 1894 Mr. Hughes became proprietor of the large general mercantile store at New Plymouth that has since been conducted under his direct management and ownership. The store was originally established by R. E. Stephenson in 1886. Mr. Hughes became associated with Mr. Stephenson in 1891, and three years later bought out the entire stock. He has two rooms, with a floor space 50x75 feet, devoted to a

display and storage of a full mercantile stock, with practically everything that the country needs for its use. Above the store is the Maccabee Hall, an organization which has been in flourishing condition at New Plymouth for the past sixteen or seventeen years. While successful in business, Mr. Hughes also possesses that public spirit and progressiveness which give a community life and character.

He was born in Swan Township of Vinton County February 12, 1859, and was reared in the locality about New Plymouth and spent the first thirty years of his life on the old farm. He acquired a practical farming experience though the latter part of his career has been devoted almost entirely to business. In 1890 he moved to New Plymouth and became station agent for the Hocking Valley Railway, and continued the duties of that work in addition to his other interests for twenty-three years.

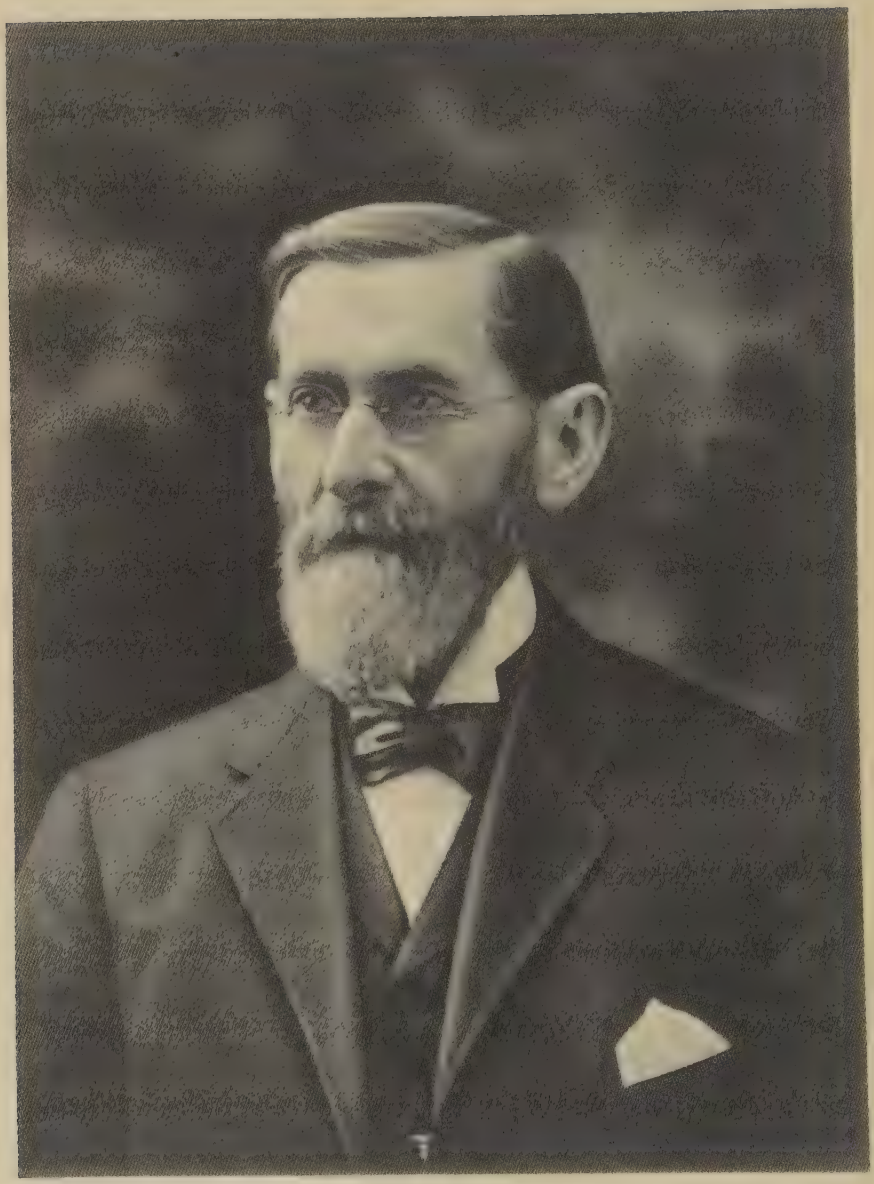
He is a son of David Hughes, Jr., and a grandson of David Hughes, Sr. The Hughes family is of Scotch and Welsh stock, and was established about 1794 on Cape May at the southern end of New Jersey. It was on Cape May that Grandfather David Hughes, Sr., was born in the closing years of the eighteenth century. In the early days members of the family took an active part in supporting and carrying on the Presbyterian Church in that locality, and many of the descendants are still living in that section of New Jersey. David Hughes, Sr., grew up there, married and spent practically all his life as a farmer, and did much service as a kindly neighbor and an active church man. His children were: Daniel, who spent his life as a Cape May farmer and left a son and five daughters; David, Jr.; Beulah who left one son.

David Hughes, Jr., was born in 1821 at Cape May, New Jersey, was reared there and received a good education but later moved to Southwestern Pennsylvania and located in Washington County. He studied medicine and practiced that profession in Washington County from 1844 to 1850. Washington County has for more than a century been a center of Presbyterian Church influence, and he finally took a course in the theological seminary and was ordained as a minister. It was as a minister of the Presbyterian faith that in 1852 he came to Ohio and became pastor of the New Plymouth Presbyterian Church, and he continued the beloved leader of that congregation until his death in 1865. In the meantime he had purchased a home and since then his family have lived in that community. Rev. David Hughes married in Washington County Susan B. Lee, who was born there in 1820. Her father, James Lee, was a native of Pennsylvania and lived in Washington County in the early part of the last century, and went from that county as a captain of a company in the War of 1812. He was an excellent soldier,

and the rest of his life was passed in consonance with his ideals and practices of loyalty. He married a Pennsylvania girl named Susan Patterson, who died in the prime of life. Her children were William, Mrs. Hughes, Mary and Ellen. The two younger daughters died unmarried and Ellen passed away after a long and lingering illness when past forty years of age. The son William grew up and spent his life in Pennsylvania where he left a family.

Mrs. David Hughes, after her husband's death, continued to live in the old home at New Plymouth and died there in 1888 surrounded with most of the surviving members of her family. She was a loyal helper and worker with her husband in the Presbyterian Church and a woman revered for her many fine qualities of heart and mind. Her children were: James L., who married Elizabeth Morgan, and she still survives and lives with her three children; Daniel V. went west, married there, and is now deceased; Beulah C. married, but both she and her husband are deceased and they left no children; Maggie died after her marriage to Milton Morgan, who is still living and is the father of three sons; Robert L. died in Swan Township of Vinton County, where he was a farmer, and left five daughters; Charles B. died in young manhood unmarried; Mellie died after her marriage to Judge H. G. Coultrap; Finley A.; William, who died after his marriage, having had two children, but both of them passed away before his death; Henry D. is now a resident of Kansas and has three sons.

Finley A. Hughes was married in Brown Township of Vinton County to Laura Mutchmore. She was born in Vinton County, February 12, 1857, spent her life largely within the limits of this county and died here June 30, 1900. She was the mother of two sons: William D., after getting his education in Vinton County went to Columbus, where he is now connected with the street railway company, and by his marriage to Lillie Bristol has a son Charles B. now in school. Raymond F., the second son, who is clerk in a wholesale house at Columbus, married Geneva Black of West Liberty, Ohio, and they have two children, Maxine and James. After the death of his first wife Mr. Hughes married Etta Campbell, who was born in Vinton County in 1866, and after gaining a liberal education took up work as a teacher at the age of sixteen, a profession which she followed successfully until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and his sons are all members of the New Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Mr. Hughes has been identified with that congregation since early boyhood and has long been one of its most influential members, has served as an elder for over twenty years and as Sunday school superintendent for twenty-six years. In politics he is a republican and has served as township clerk and can always be depended



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upon for a proper exhibition of public spirit in connection with any local movement for good. He is also affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees No. 444 at New Plymouth.

HON. GORDON F. LAUMAN. As an example of what unlimited energy and untiring perseverance, when united to a character of fearless and unswerving honesty, can achieve in the world, the Hon. Gordon F. Lauman, gallant Union soldier and exemplary citizen, faithful public servant and successful agriculturist, stood pre-eminent among the residents of Scioto County, Ohio. The various difficulties which can beset a man in the battle of life he fought against and triumphed over. Denied the advantages of an education in his youth, by steadfast application and close observation he educated himself; forced to begin his struggles among the world's workers when a lad of but ten years, he, without aid, made himself one of the most substantial men of his community; in the absence of influential friends, he brought himself forward in public life and won the confidence and respect of his fellow men. In each avenue of life's endeavor he had an honorable and enviable record, on which there was no stain or blemish.

Gordon F. Lauman was born in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, November 17, 1840, and is a son of George M. and Anna J. (Shanklin) Lauman, the latter also a native of the Blue Grass State. The father was born in Pennsylvania of German descent and at an early day came to Ohio, where for several years he followed his trade of tanner. Subsequently he went to the South, where he was married in Kentucky, and for some years was the proprietor of a tanyard, but later came to Ohio and located in Brown County opposite Maysville. He became the father of eight children, of whom only one survives, Grace E., who is the widow of William Chapman and resides in Nebraska. From Brown County George M. Lauman removed to Ross County, Ohio, and for several years worked at his trade at Chillicothe, but in 1849 took his family to Waverly and there conducted a tannery for some years, being also a foreman at the Emmett distillery at Waverly. There both he and Mrs. Lauman passed their declining years and died.

Gordon F. Lauman received a very limited education in the public schools of Chillicothe and Waverly, but although his opportunities were few in his youth, he afterward devoted much time to study and reading, and one could not be with him long without realizing that he was a man of broad general knowledge with an inexhaustible fund of information on important subjects. At the age of ten years he became a wage earner in the store of Emmet, Myers & Company at Waverly and was there employed until President Lincoln's first call for troops found him

one of the earliest volunteers for service during the Civil war, he becoming a member of Company G, First Ohio Regiment Volunteer Infantry, April 17, 1861. Two months after he left home Mr. Lauman was dangerously wounded in battle, and following a like period in the East Street Hospital, Washington, D. C., he was given his honorable discharge on account of disability and returned to Waverly. The family, always noted for its patriotism, was subsequently represented in the Union army by Mr. Lauman's father and brother, who enlisted and continued to serve until the close of hostilities.

After his recuperation, Mr. Lauman resumed his duties in his old position at the store, where he remained until about the time of the close of the war, when he was married to Mary L. Watkins and moved to Jasper, Ohio, where he clerked for three or four years. He then became manager of the store of Allison, Rue & Company, where he remained until 1872, in that year removing to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he was connected with a wholesale grocery establishment. After a few years Mr. Lauman turned his attention to farming, in which he made a decided success. He first rented his property until he accumulated enough money to consummate its purchase, in 1880, and on this excellent Morgan Township land in Scioto County just west of the Scioto River he continued operations to the time of his death, which occurred on January 22, 1916. While his start was modest, he added to his holdings and improvements from time to time and had 800 acres, including hill land and bottoms, all well cultivated and very productive. In 1908 was erected his beautiful residence, and this is surrounded by barns and outbuildings of a commodious and attractive character, all erected under his careful and efficient supervision. Mr. Lauman was a member of Myrtle Lodge No. 159, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Portsmouth. Politically a republican, he served capably in a number of offices of trust and importance, and for three terms was state senator for the Seventh Senatorial District of Ohio, including the counties of Scioto, Pike, Jackson and Adams. His public service was characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty, and through his labors he was able to materially advance the interests of the community and his constituents.

Mrs. Lauman died in 1892, without issue, and in 1895 Mr. Lauman married Mary E. Dever. They have no children. Mr. Lauman made the best of life and was master of its fit conduct—serene, simple, with generous sympathies and liberal interests, large thoughts and kindly wisdom.

Otto F. Pilcher. He whose name initiates this paragraph has proved himself a man of much initiative and executive ability and is known as one of the most progressive business men of McArthur, the judicial center of Vinton County. Here he has been conspicuously identified with the development and upbuilding of important enterprises that contributed greatly to the material and civic prosperity and prestige of the town, and he has shown in a significant way that opportunities for the development of prosperous industrial enterprises of broad scope and importance are not lacking in his native town and county, where he stands as a popular representative of a prominent and influential pioneer family whose name has been most worthily and effectively linked with the history of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, to the exploitation of which this publication is devoted.

Mr. Pilcher is secretary of the McArthur Building & Loan Association, which has played a large and benignant part in furthering the upbuilding of McArthur and has assisted many citizens to provide for themselves excellent homes in the county seat and other parts of the county. He was also one of the organizers and is secretary of the McArthur Brick Company, which represents one of the important industrial enterprises of this section of the state, in the manufacturing of vitrified decorative brick for architectural work of the highest type. The McArthur Building & Loan Association bases its operations on an authorized capital stock of $100,000 and is known as one of the oldest and strongest corporations of the kind in this section of the Buckeye State, where it instituted operations more than a quarter of a century ago and where its history has been one marked by definite success and extensive service in the domain of home-building. Mr. Pilcher has been a director of the association from the time of its organization, in 1888, and during all but the first three or four years he has held also the office of secretary, in which he has given an administration that has been primarily conducive of the splendid success which has attended the operations of the association. The other members of the official corps at the present time are as here noted: F. P. Magee, president; L. W. Sprague, vice president; and the directorate including the above officers and also A. W. Paffenberger, Dr. G. M. Swepston and James Darby, the last mentioned of whom is also attorney for the corporation. The average annual business of the association has now reached an aggregate of $250,000, and the business is one of the most extensive and successful of the kind in Southern Ohio, with broad and beneficent ramifications.

The McArthur Brick Company, which was organized and incorporated in 1905 and which controls valuable patents on its processes for the manufacturing of matt brick and whose products are of recognized

superiority, the entire output of the plant being of faced brick for decorative architectural work. The officers of this company are as here noted: Harry S. Hamilton, president; O. E. Vollenweider, vice president; Otto F. Pilcher, secretary; and L. W. Sprague, manager. The executive officers are constituent members of the board of directors, as are also Isaac M. Lantz, William D. Fischer and Aaron Will, Jr., who is treasurer of the company. The corporation is distinctively a Vinton County concern and all of the interested principals designated above are residents of McArthur, except William D. Fisher, who maintains his home in the Village of Zaleski, this county. The company has a large and modern plant, the main building of which is of substantial brick construction, and the annual output has not attained to the significant aggregate of 20,000,000 brick annually. Employment is given to a force of 100 men, many of whom are skilled workmen, and the special lines of brick manufactured are those known by the names of McArthur Rug Brick and McArthur Mission Brick. Both of these special types of facing brick are of the rough vitriolized order and of splendid decorative values. Their superiority is maintained by reason of their special texture and beauty, and not only is a rare and fine quality of clay employed in their manufacture but in the color schemes and general decorative textures there are also such points of individuality that the company has been enabled to protect its designs by patents issued by the United States Government. The McArthur matt brick is non-breakable and fire-proof and is available for all types of modern architecture in which decorative facing brick is utilized, the beautiful effect given having proved one of the strong forces in the rapid development of a business that is now one of great volume and definite prosperity, the output of the McArthur plant being given the highest approbation upon the part of architects and builders, so that the demand for the products is constantly expanding in scope and importance and has given to the company prestige as one of the leading exponents of this special line of industrial enterprise in the entire State of Ohio. It is needless to say that the business now returns to the stockholders most satisfactory dividends, and its operations are based on a capital stock of $100,000. Mr. Pilcher was one of the promoters and organizers of this splendid Vinton County Corporation and has been one of its officials from the beginning of operations. The company has unrivaled advantages in that it has available for its manufacturing the finest of coal, clay and sand, taken from property owned by the company and constituting an integral part of its large and modern plant. These facilities enable the company to place its products on the market at a lower price than is possible of offering on the part of the average concern engaged in the

manufacturing of similar but less excellent ornamental brick. Aside from his active association with the two important enterprises here mentioned, Mr. Pilcher controls a substantial and representative private business as an underwriter of fire insurance, in which he is local representative of a number of the most substantial and best known companies.

Mr. Pilcher is in the very prime of his strong and resourceful manhood, as he has but recently passed the half-century mile-post on the journey of life. He was born at McArthur, the town in which he still maintains his residence, and here he was afforded in his youth the advantages of the public schools, besides which he has here found ample opportunity for exercising his admirable energies and talents in his mature years and has proved himself a specially able and progressive business man, as the foregoing statements significantly show. The ancestry of Mr. Pilcher is of staunch English order, but the name has been identified with American history for several generations. James Pilcher, grandfather of the subject of this review, was born in the State of Maryland, and the family name of his wife was Sage. They were numbered among the early settlers in Vinton County, Ohio, where Mr. Pilcher acquired a tract of land and developed a productive farm in Elk Township and not far distant from McArthur, the county seat. He was known and honored as one of the substantial agriculturists and sterling and influential citizens of Vinton County and continued to reside on his old homestead farm until his death, at the patriarchal age of ninety-five years. He was a man of wonderful physical vigor and virtually his only illness during the long course of his life was that which resulted in his death, the wife of his youth having passed away when somewhat less than forty years of age. Both were zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics he paid staunch allegiance to the democratic party. Of the family of two sons and sixteen daughters all attained to maturity, married and reared children, most of them having reached advanced age but all being now deceased.

One of the younger children of the above mentioned family was Rev. George W. Pilcher, father of him whose name introduces this article. He was born on the old homestead farm in Elk Township, Vinton County, Ohio, in 1831, and passed to the life eternal in 1899. He served long and faithfully as a clergyman of the Christian Union Church and was a man of fine intellectual powers as well as of consecrated zeal and devotion in the work of the Christian ministry. In view of his deep and abiding Christian faith, which dominated his life in all of its relations, it is specially interesting to note that in the Civil war he served as chaplain of the regiment that was commanded by the famous agnostic, Col. Robert Ingersoll. In connection with his service in the Civil war he

was a passenger on the military transport vessel "Runyon," at the time when the same was wrecked by running afoul of some obstruction in the Mississippi River, near Vicksburg, where most of the crew and passengers lost their lives, though Chaplain Pilcher succeeded in making his escape, largely through his superior physical powers, all members of the family having been favored with excellent and really exceptional physical strength. Mr. Pilcher continued his service as chaplain during the entire period of the great conflict through which the integrity of the nation was preserved, and it was his to endure the full tension of the long and weary campaigns and marches, besides ministering faithfully to the soldiers who were wounded and called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice on the altar of patriotism. In politics Rev. George W. Pilcher never wavered in his allegiance to the democratic party and he was an effective advocate of its principles and policies, besides which he served at one time as a member of the board of county commissioners of Vinton County, where he continued his residence in McArthur until the time of his death.

As a young man Rev. George W. Pilcher wedded Miss Rebecca Coulter, who was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, but who was a girl at the time of her parents' removal to Vinton County. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania and her father, John Coulter, became one of the pioneer farmers of Vinton County, Ohio, where he lived to attain the remarkable age of nearly one hundred years, his first wife having passed away at the age of sixty-one years, and it having been their privilege to rear to years of maturity their four sons and nine daughters, all of whom married and reared children of their own. Two sons and two daughters are yet living, and of this number is Mrs. Pilcher, mother of the subject of this sketch. She celebrated in 1915 her eighty-first birthday anniversary and is vigorous of mind and body, as shown by the fact that she still gives her personal supervision to her home and her garden and is still active in church work, in which she long was a zealous colaborer of her honored husband. Of their children one daughter died in early childhood; Sallie L. is the wife of Frank Morehead, a prosperous farmer of Guernsey County, and they have sons and daughters; James F., who now resides at Sparta, Illinois, and is identified with railway operations, is married and has three daughters; Irving W., who is likewise a railroad man, is still a bachelor and is now living in the West; and Otto F., of this review, was the youngest in the family.

Otto F. Pilcher has maintained his home in his native town during virtually his entire life thus far, the while he has achieved large and worthy success through the legitimate application of his own ability and energies. He is emphatically one of the progressive and public-spirited

citizens of McArthur and though he manifests a lively interest in all that touches the communal welfare he has been essentially a business man and thus has had no predilection for public office. In politics he maintains an independent attitude and supports the men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment. He is affiliated with the local blue lodge and chapter of the Masonic Fraternity, and he and his wife hold membership in the adjunct chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, besides which they hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the McArthur Lodge of the Knights of Pythias Mr. Pilcher is specially active and influential, and he has passed the various official chairs in the same.

Mr. Pilcher has been twice married. He first wedded Miss Sophia Weisenbarger, who was born at Eagle Furnace, Vinton County, in 1867, and whose death occurred on the 13th of March, 1905. Of the four children of this union the eldest is Ada M., who was afforded the advantages of the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and in Ohio University, at Athens, in which latter institution she completed a course in domestic science, which she is now teaching in the high school at McArthur, so that she is still enabled to remain at the paternal home. Lois T. attended Miami University, at Oxford, and also Ohio University, at Athens, and she is now assistant principal of the public schools of the Village of Chauncey, Athens County. Roy W. is a student in historic old Kenyon College, at Gambier, and thereafter attended Ohio University for two years. Sophie Jeanette is a student in the public schools of McArthur. In 1906 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Pilcher to Miss Louise M. Karnard, who was born and reared at Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio, and who completed her education in Ohio University. The two children of this union are James and George.

Henry Weber. The residence of Henry Weber on the farm which he now owns and occupies in Scioto Township, Jackson County, has covered a period of seventy-one years, for here he was born December 26, 1844. His father, Henry Weber, was born in Switzerland about 1816 and the latter's father, Milton Weber, was also a native of that country, where he was reared and married. About the year 1822 Milton Weber came to the United States, accompanied by his wife and three children, landing at New York after three weeks of stormy traveling. They immediately came to Ohio, locating near what is now Scioto Township, Jackson County, at a time when the state was but sparsely settled and a great part of the land was owned by the United States Government and for sale at $1.25 per acre. Milton Weber selected a tract of this land in section 17, built a log house and at once started to improve the property.

being a resident of this locality until his death. He and Mrs. Weber reared a family of two daughters and one son.

Henry Weber was about six years of age when brought to Scioto Township, and here he was reared amid pioneer surroundings. He grew to sturdy and well trained manhood, and when ready to start upon his own career entered a tract of land in section 17, and there, like his father, erected a log cabin. He made the boards with which to cover the roof by splitting logs, and built an earth and stick chimney, and it was in this humble abode that Henry Weber was born. For many years there were no railroads or canals in this section and Henry Weber the elder was accustomed to draw all the surplus produce to Portsmouth. He succeeded in improving a large part of his land, on which he lived until late in life, when he moved to Nevada, Livingston County, Illinois, and there passed away at the age of seventy years. His career was a long and useful one, in which he demonstrated the value of the qualities of honesty, industry and good citizenship. Mrs. Weber, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Shear, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and was a daughter of Adam and Mary Christine Shear. She died at the age of eighty-seven years, having been the mother of eight children.

Henry Weber attended the district schools in his youth, devoting his spare time to assisting his father in the cultivation of the homestead, to the ownership of which he later succeeded. His operations as a general farmer and breeder of livestock have been very successful, and he has added to the family estate, now having a tract of 288 acres, in a high state of cultivation and well equipped with substantial buildings and modern improvements, while his cattle, horses, sheep and hogs are of the best grade.

Mr. Weber was married January 31, 1868, to Miss Mary Carolina Lawrence, born in Scioto Township, Jackson County, Ohio, daughter of Washington Lawrence, a native of Virginia, and granddaughter of Daniel Lawrence, also born in the Old Dominion. The latter was a pioneer of Pike County, Ohio, and married Elizabeth Hollanback. Washington Lawrence located as a young man in Pike County, and here was stricken with typhoid fever and died at the early age of twenty-nine years. He married Elizabeth Wittman, who was born in Pennsylvania, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Morey) Wittman, natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers of Scioto Township. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence had two daughters: Catherine E. and Mary Carolina. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Weber, namely: Charity Elizabeth, who married Phillip Gahm and has one son,—Walter Floyd; Major Kern, who married Mary Granner; George W., who married Edith P.

Hoover and has four children,—Mary Catherine, Charity Floressa, George Merritt and Woodrow Wilson; and Alta M., who resides with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Weber were both reared in the Lutheran Church and have remained true to that faith throughout their lives. As a citizen Mr. Weber is held in high esteem, and his name is invariably found on the list of supporters of public-spirited movements.

Jesse B. Hill. It was more than seventy-five years ago that Jesse B. Hill, then an infant, came into Vinton County. Here he has since witnessed the unfolding of practically every important phase of civilization in this section of Ohio. Now in venerable years, he enjoys the fruits of well spent endeavors as a farmer in Jackson Township, and is the owner of the fine homestead of 160 acres situated at Locust Grove.

He was born on the old Jesse Sanderson Farm on Sunday Creek in Perry County, Ohio, November 25, 1838. In the spring of 1839 his parents came to Vinton County and located in the wilds of Jackson Township, their first habitation being a log cabin. They had few neighbors, and there were very meager facilities in the way of market towns, schools, churches, and postal communication was very slow and irregular. For years a part of the meat which went on their table was supplied from the wild game of every kind which could be found within a short distance of their home. The children of the family when they came to Vinton County were named Joseph, Matilda, Jacob, Isaac, Margaret, Eli and Jesse. The last is the only survivor. All the children married except Eli, who died a bachelor when past seventy years of age. All the others had children of their own. The son Joseph became a soldier in the Civil war, going out with an Ohio regiment, and after many narrow escapes in the battles in which he participated was finally seriously wounded and died in a hospital in Maryland from the effects of the wound. He was a school teacher by profession and a member of the Masonic order.

The father of these children was Eli Hill, who was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, about 1800. He was reared as a farmer, and acquired only a common school education, though by much reading and study and observation he became noted for his wide and thorough information and knowledge. He possessed a fine mind and good judgment and naturally took a place of leadership in the early community of Vinton County where he lived so many years. He died at the old home now occupied by his son Jesse near Locust Grove in the fall of 1884 at the age of eighty-seven. He was a member of the Methodist Church and all his life was a strong upholder and supporter of every moral and religious movement in his community. He was first a whig and after-

wards a republican, and filled such local offices as justice of the peace and township trustee. He married in Perry County, Ohio, Eliza Ball. She was born in that county, and was a few years younger than her husband. Her parents had also come from Pennsylvania and were pioneers in Perry County where they spent their lives. She died at the old home at Locust Grove when sixty-three years of age. Both she and her husband had helped to organize and were charter members of the Methodist Church which has long been the chief institution and distinction to the community of Locust Grove. Eli Hill had a number of brothers and several of them became active railroad men. He helped to construct the first log church which stood there for many years until it was supplanted by a larger and better constructed edifice. This church was the scene of many religious gatherings and also social assemblages. At one time more than sixty years ago a great revival was held attended by the people for miles around, and more than 100 persons were converted.

Jesse B. Hill's early recollections are all associated with the Locust Grove community. He attended the schools kept in this community, and as soon as he took up the responsibilities of an active career he became a farmer. He was married in Benton Township of Hocking County, Ohio, about fifty years ago to Miss Melissa Moody. She was born in Morgan County, Ohio, November 2, 1845, and died at the home at Locust Grove, February 1, 1908. Not only her family but a wide circle of friends had reason to lament the loss of this good woman, who was a devoted wife and mother and extended her wholesome kindness and charity far beyond the circle of her own home. Her parents were Bernard and Sarah (Woolfort) Moody, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of Dutch stock. They settled in Hocking County, Ohio, in the woods along Goose Creek at a very early date and in time they improved a farm near Liberty Hill. That was their home during the rest of their days, and her father died February 21, 1883, when nearly sixty-eight years of age, while her mother survived until 1912 and was then ninety-three. They were both members of the United Brethren Church.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hill were as follows: Pearley died when four years of age; Dora has never married and is still at home with her father; Ross died at the age of thirty-two, after his marriage to May Ralph, who is also deceased, and the children that survived her were Nora, Goldie, Clarence (deceased), Charles, Ethel and Walter. Nannie is the wife of George Phipps of Elk Township. Cora is the wife of Charles Kain of Williamsport, Pickaway County, Ohio, and both were married before, Mr. Kain having four children and Mrs. Kain having two children by the first marriage. Garfield, who lives in Jackson

Township, married Josie Bishop, and their children are Kenneth, Hamlin, Mary (deceased), Melba and Ralph. Blaine, whose home is in Jackson Township, married Caroline Bullocks. Lulu C. is the wife of Claud Wing, a farmer and stock dealer, and they live with Mr. Hill; their children are Hiram G. and Jesse Willis. All the members of the Hill family have been identified with the work and activities of the Locust Grove Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Wing has been the caretaker of this church for the past twelve years. In politics Mr. Hill is a very decided republican and at different times has used his influence in behalf of party success and for the support of his many friends in this community.

George W. Miller. One of the best small trading communities of Vinton County is the Village of Orland in Swan Township. To a large degree the commercial enterprise of the village has been supplied by George W. Miller, whose large stock of general merchandise has been drawn upon to supply the needs of the surrounding community for a number of years. Mr. Miller is a merchant who understands his business and also the people with whom he deals, and is one of the most highly regarded men of Vinton County.

It was in 1901 that he established himself in business at Orland, and five years ago he moved his stock into a handsome new store building 20x55 feet. He carries a full line of all wares required by the country trade, and both buys and sells intelligently and furnishes an important service. He acquired his early commercial experience as a clerk at Wellston. For more than eight years while living in Swan Township Mr. Miller was a carrier on one of the rural mail routes.

George W. Miller was born April 11, 1882, near Wilkesville on Yankee Street in Vinton County. This county has been his home most of his life and he acquired his education at McArthur, Wilkesville and at Winchester.

His parents are Isaac W. and Sarah A. (Boothe) Miller, the former a native of Pennsylvania and a son of Beatty Miller. Beatty Miller married in Pennsylvania, and when his son Isaac was quite young moved to Ohio, locating in the Wilkesville community of Vinton County, where he and his wife spent the rest of their days. He was past eighty and she past ninety-four when they died. Their influence went to promote the activities of the local Presbyterian Church and in politics he was a republican.

Isaac W. Miller is one of five sons and two daughters, and all of them except Isaac, who is the youngest, were soldiers in the Civil War. Most of these children are still living. Isaac W. Miller grew up in the

Wilkesville community, attended school there, and met and married Sarah A. Boothe. She was born in Ohio and belonged to an old Ohio family of pioneers in Vinton County. Since their marriage Isaac W. Miller and wife spent most of their years in Vinton County, where he was an active farmer and for some years a merchant and hotel proprietor. He is now living retired at Wilkesville at the age of seventy-eight, while his wife is seventy-four. Both have continued the allegiance of their respective families by membership in the Presbyterian Church, and as a republican he has been honored several times by local office. The children of Isaac W. Miller and wife are: Thomas S., who is now in business at Columbus and has three children; Jennie A., wife of N. A. Vaughan, a furniture dealer and undertaker at Adelphia, and they have five children; Mamie B. is the wife of Charles Ogden, who has a large 500-acre farm and is principally engaged in stock raising at Dyesville in Meigs County, Ohio, and their family consists of two sons; Catherine A. is the wife of Charles A. Wells, their son Brown W. is head chemist for the Buckeye Steel Castings Company at Columbus; Elizabeth first married Raulson Davidson of Columbus, who died leaving a son and daughter, and she is now the wife of Pearson Ranck, and still lives at Columbus.

George W. Miller was married in Vinton County to Miss Emma L. Cherry. She was born in Hocking County, Ohio, in 1880 and after completing a good education became a teacher and taught for about half a dozen years before her marriage in Falls and Starr townships of her native county. Her parents were Samuel and Catherine (Wright) Cherry. Her father was born in Holmes County, Ohio, in 1835, but when a boy went to Hocking County and grew up in Washington Township, where his parents Moses and Sarah (Miller) Cherry had established their home on a farm and where they spent the rest of their years, passing away when about fourscore. Moses Cherry was a whig and republican, and he and his wife active Presbyterians. Samuel Cherry grew up in Hocking County, and married there Miss Wright, who was born in Hocking County in 1836. They had a long and happy married companionship of forty years before Samuel Cherry died in 1901. His widow passed away in 1912. They became members of the United Presbyterian Church, and he served as a church official and in politics was a republican until about 1873, after which he affiliated with the democratic party. Samuel and Catherine Cherry had the following children: Dr. T. M. Cherry, a physician at Norton, Virginia, who has a family of one son and four daughters; Joseph S., whose home is at Linden Heights, Ohio, and who has five children; Jennie is the wife of Ephraim Lane, of Logan, Ohio, and they have one son and one daughter; Moses R. is

unmarried and still occupies the old homestead in Washington Township of Hocking County; Marie is the wife of Albert Armstrong, who lives at Union Furnace, Ohio, and they have two sons and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of three children: Thelma K., now in the sixth grade of the public school; Phalice G. in the fourth grade; and Ivan W. The parents of these children are both active members of the Presbyterian Church, and politically Mr. Miller has always associated with the republicans, and believes heartily in the principles of that party.

Harry S. Hamilton. The thriving and attractive little Town of McArthur, the judicial center and metropolis of Vinton County, claims as one of its most progressive and successful business men and most liberal and public-spirited citizens the popular merchant whose name introduces this paragraph and who is the executive head of the Hamilton-King Company, of Wellston, which here conducts a specially large and prosperous enterprise and maintains an essentially modern and finely equipped department store. He is likewise one of the principals of the representative mercantile house of the Thurness-Wright Company, Logan, Ohio, which gives special attention to the handling of carpets, rugs, draperies and other decorative house-furnishing goods, and to ladies ready-to-wear suits, cloaks and other garments. Mr. Hamilton was also one of the organizers and is a heavy stockholder and the president of the McArthur Brick Company, which has built up one of the extensive and important industrial enterprises of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio and which has gained wide reputation and priority in the manufacturing of the highest grade of ornamental rug or matt brick for architectural purposes, adequate record concerning this corporation being given on other pages of this work, in connection with the review of the career of its secretary, Otto F. Pilcher.

The business of the Hamilton-King Company dates its inception back to the year 1900 and the Hamilton Department Store, of which Mr. Hamilton is the proprietor, was founded in a modest way, in 1886, the present large and well appointed establishment being eligibly situated on Main Street and occupying a building 50x100 feet in dimensions. This is a general department store and it has long commanded a large and representative supporting patronage, owing to the effectiveness of its service in all departments and the unequivocal fairness that has invariably marked all transactions, so that its reputation constitutes its best commercial asset and has been the most important medium in bringing about the development of a remarkably substantial business. The Hamilton-King Company controls a large business in the handling of

dry goods, ladies' apparel and kindred lines and the enterprise was founded by Mr. Hamilton and the late Adolph A. Dowd, whose death occurred in 1910. In 1915 Mr. Hamilton admitted to partnership in this business its popular manager, Charles King, and since that time the enterprise has been continued under the title of the Hamilton-King Company. The Thurness-Wright Company began operations in 1904, and it likewise represents one of the important retail business enterprises of Logan, the county seat of Hocking County, Mr. Thurness having retired from the firm in 1914, but the original title having been retained. Mr. Hamilton is the largest stockholder in the McArthur Brick Company, which bases its operations on a capital of $100,000 and the output of whose plant now averages from 18,000,000 to 20,000,000 of brick per annum. The superiority of the ornamental structural brick manufactured by this company has gained to it a trade that extends into the most diverse sections of the United States and also into the Canadian provinces, and the industry is one of the most important of its kind in Ohio, with the best of supply resources for the manufactured product and with control of valuable patents on textures and designs. The foregoing statements adequately indicate that Mr. Hamilton is one of the most aggressive and influential business men of his native county, and his initiative and executive ability as well as ready capitalistic support has been given to the upbuilding of enterprises that have inured greatly to the civic and material advancement of his home town and county, where his circle of appreciative friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances.

Mr. Hamilton was born at McArthur, Vinton County, Ohio, on the 2d of January, 1864, and it is a matter of record that he was thus ushered into the world on one of the coldest days known in the history of this section of the Buckeye State. He was reared to maturity in the fine little city that is now his home and to its public schools he is indebted for his early educational discipline. Here he initiated his business career as clerk in a mercantile establishment, and for five years he was employed in the store of Will Brothers, who thereafter became his partners in his first independent venture as a merchant. They were associated with him in the establishing of what is now known as the Hamilton Department Store, but after a few years Mr. Hamilton found it possible and expedient to assume sole control of the enterprise, which has been developed to its present large magnitude under his effective supervision.

Henry S. Hamilton, father of him to whom this review is dedicated, was born in the State of New Jersey and as a young man he came to Ohio and established his residence at McArthur, which was then a small

village. He was a competent accountant and fine penman, and thus he readily found employment in the office of the county auditor, where he gave effective service and in the meanwhile continued the study of law, to which he had devoted himself for some time prior to coming to Ohio. He was soon admitted to the bar of his adopted state and engaged in the practice of his profession at McArthur, where he became a member of the representative law firm of Hamilton, Bingham and Hewitt. He continued to devote his attention to the work of his profession until the inception of the Civil war, when he promptly subordinated all else to the call of patriotism and tendered his aid in defense of the Union. In the spring of 1861, at the first call for volunteers, he enlisted in Company D, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he was made second lieutenant of his company. After the expiration of his original ninety days' term he re-enlisted, for "three years or during the war," and became captain of Company D, Second West Virginia, which he assisted in organizing at McArthur and which became a part of the Virginia mounted volunteers. In this gallant command he was chosen captain of Company D, Second Regiment, commanded by Col. William M. Bowles. This regiment was organized on the 1st of September, 1861, and with the command Captain Hamilton participated in many engagements, including a number of specially important battles. For gallant and meritorious service as a soldier and commanding officer he was given the brevet rank of major, and he continued at the front until 1863, when he resigned his commission and returned to Vinton County, Ohio, where he assumed control of the Eagle Iron Furnace, the output of which was used principally in connection with manufacturing arms and amunition for the Union forces in the field. With this enterprise he continued to be actively identified until his death, which occurred at McArthur in August, 1866, when he succumbed to an attack of Asiatic cholera. He was born on the 1st of September, 1831, and thus he died shortly before his thirty-fifth birthday anniversary. Major Hamilton was a young man of really exceptional talent, of sterling character and of high professional attainments. At the time of his demise he was candidate for the office of judge of the district court, and his life was cut short in the very prime of his strong and useful manhood. He was doubly orphaned when a boy and it was his to wed a young woman who likewise had been left an orphan when a child. In Wheeling, West Virginia, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Lantz, who was born in Vinton County, Ohio, but who was reared and educated at Wheeling, West Virginia, where their acquaintanceship was formed. Mrs. Hamilton was born on the 6th of April, 1834, and she is now one of the oldest living citizens born in and still resident of Vinton County, Ohio, where

she is held in affectional regard by all who have come within the sphere of her gentle influence. For the past twenty years she has been a patient sufferer from the effects of paralysis, but her cheerful optimism has not failed her in her affliction and she finds in her venerable years much to enjoy and be thankful for in the gracious twilight of her life. Mrs. Hamilton is a daughter of Aaron and Leah (Claypool) Lantz, who came from Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and became very early settlers of Vinton County, Ohio, where Mr. Lantz accumulated an extensive landed estate and became a citizen of prominence and influence in the pioneer community. Here he died in the prime of life. Mrs. Lantz lived to the venerable age of eighty-six years, having been a devout member of the Christian Church.

Mrs. Lantz was a young woman at the time of the death of her husband and later she became the wife of Judge Joseph Kaler, who was long numbered among the honored and influential citizens of Vinton County, which he represented in the Ohio Legislature, besides having served with marked ability on the bench of the district court and having been a representative member of the bar of this section of the state. In politics the judge was originally a whig, but he united with the republican party at the time of its organization and became one of its leading representatives in Vinton County. He was an earnest member of the United Brethren Church and he was a resident of McArthur at the time of his death, when about eighty years of age.

Harry S. Hamilton, as previously intimated, is one of the most loyal and public-spirited citizens of his native town and county, and in politics he accords unswerving allegiance to the republican party. He has given effective service as a member of the village council of McArthur, and is in tenure of this office at the time of this writing, in the autumn of 1915. He is affiliated with the local lodge and chapter of York Rite Masonry, and he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the year 1895 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hamilton to Miss Cynthia Sprague, who was born and reared at McArthur, where she continued her studies in the public schools until she had completed the curriculum of and been graduated in the high school. She is a daughter of Van R. Sprague, who is editor and publisher of the Vinton County Republican-Tribune. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have three children: Herbert S., who was born on the 15th of July, 1896, was graduated in the McArthur High School and is now a member of the class of 1917 in historic old Kenyon College, at Gambier, this state; Elizabeth, who was born April 30, 1899, is a student in the McArthur High School; and Martha, who was born July 27, 1907, is attending the public schools,

the family being one of prominence and distinctive popularity in the representative social life of the community.

William Claar. The claim of William Claar upon the good will and consideration of his fellow townsmen in Franklin Township is based upon many years of effective work as an agriculturist, upon a meritorious record as a soldier during the Civil war and upon his activity in promoting education and kindred accompaniments of advanced civilization. Reared in the wilderness, he has seen the community grow and develop, and has contributed materially to its progress and advancement.

Mr. Claar was born in Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio, March 5, 1837, and is a son of Samuel Claar, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1800, and a grandson of Jacob Claar, who was of German ancestry and it is thought a native of Pennsylvania. From that state he moved to Ohio, becoming an early settler of Franklin Township, where he passed the remaining years of his life in the pursuits of the soil. Samuel Claar was but a youth when he came to Ohio with his parents, coming by way of the Ohio River to Gallipolis and thence by team to Jackson County. At that time this whole section of country was a wilderness owned by the United States Government, and such land as was not reserved because of the salt deposits was for sale at $1.25 an acre. After he had grown to manhood Mr. Claar entered a tract of Government land and built a log cabin, riving boards to cover the roof, splitting puncheons for the floors and building a chimney of earth and sticks. The fireplace was large enough to accommodate a log six or seven feet in length, and for many years Mr. Claar's wife did her cooking over the open fire. Deer, turkeys, bear and all game native to this section were plentiful and roamed at will, and Mr. Claar through skilful use of his rifle frequently replenished the family larder. Before the advent of railroads, Portsmouth was the nearest depot and market for supplies, and there Mr. Claar did his trading. He cleared the farm from the wilderness, saw the country develop about him, and rounded out a full and useful life, dying at the age of ninety years, three months, twenty days. He was one of his community's well thought of and influential men, who gained his own way in the world and accumulated a competency through hard and honest toil. Mr. Claar married Miss Lydia Stropes, who died in 1871, a daughter of John Stropes, a native of England and a pioneer of Jackson County, Ohio. Eleven children were born to this union. George W., Elizabeth, John and Jacob, twins, Madison, Emily, William, Henry, Samuel, Rufus and Eliza.

The district school of Franklin Township, whose terms were held during the winter months in the little log schoolhouse, furnished William

Claar with his education. In the meantime he passed the summer months on his father's farm, and when his education was completed remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-four years of age. His first farm was purchased on the Oak Hill and Four Mile Road, but a few years later he disposed of that property and purchased the old homestead which he has operated ever since with the exception of two years spent in the mercantile business at Four Mile, and the period of his service as a soldier during the Civil war. In 1864 he assisted in raising a company for the Ohio National Guard and upon its organization was elected second lieutenant. This company went into camp at Gallipolis, where the men did guard duty, but it was soon called upon for regular service and designated as Company I, being attached to the One Hundred and Seventy-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In this connection the company continued on guard and patrol duty on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers and continued in active service for a period of four months, at the end of which time Mr. Claar secured his honorable discharge.

Mr. Claar has been decidedly successful in his agricultural operations, and at the present time owns 212 acres of land, on which are good frame buildings and modern improvements. The barn, erected by his father some three-quarters of a century ago, still stands in excellent condition, with its massive timbers, all hewn, and its boards for roofing which were whipsawed, i. e., one man stood on the ground with one end of the saw, while the other was on a raised platform with the other end. In this barn is an interesting relic of pioneer times, a trough dug out from a solid log, about twelve feet long and holding seventy-two bushels of grain. Mr. Claar has always faithfully performed the duties of citizenship, and has won and retained the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

In March, 1862, Mr. Claar was married to Miss Emily Schellenger, who was born in Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio, daughter of Washington and Eliza (Ward) Schellenger, and to this union there have been born eight children: Carey W., Ella E., Mary Emma, Jesse I., Ripley C., Herschel H., W. Cranston and Minnie Edna. Mr. and Mrs. Claar are faithful members of the Christian Church.

Lewis W. Sprague. A scion of the third generation of the Sprague family in Vinton County, he whose name initiates this review has had the good judgment not to exhibit the itinerant tendencies all too characteristic of the people of our great republic, and in his native Town of McArthur, the judicial center of the county, he has found ample opportunities for the effective utilization of his pronounced initiative and con-

structive ability. Mr. Sprague is essentially one of the representative business men of Vinton County and special distinction is his for having been the prime factor in effecting the organization of the McArthur Brick Company, which now represents one of the most important and prosperous industrial enterprises in this section of the state. From a modest inception Mr. Sprague has developed also an extensive wholesale and retail business in the handling of feed, flour and grain, and in this field of enterprise he has a large and well equipped establishment which is the only one of the kind in the county. This substantial enterprise was founded at McArthur in 1887, and with the passing years Mr. Sprague has developed a business that is of extensive scope and that contributes materially to the commercial precedence of the town in which the headquarters are maintained. The main store owned and conducted by Mr. Sprague is eligibly situated on Main Street, the building occupied being 25 by 171 feet in dimensions, and a commodious warehouse likewise being utilized in connection with the extensive operations carried on. Mr. Sprague handled baled hay and straw on an extensive scale, does a large business in the handling of wheat and other grain, which he buys in carload lots only, and both the wholesale and retail departments of the business have been developed to large proportions, the while the high reputation of the owner as a reliable, conscientious and progressive business man constitutes the best commercial asset of his establishment.

In the spring of 1905, with full confidence in the value of the material and facilities that could be utilized in the immediate field of operations, Mr. Sprague promoted and effected the organization of the McArthur Brick Company, and the following October recorded not only the sale of all of the stock of the new corporation, but also the beginning of active operations in the manufacturing of brick, this work having been initiated on the 4th of that month. The company bases its operations on a capital stock of $100,000, and of the $20,000 of preferred stock the major part has now been retired. There was no effort made to fictitious exploitation or watering of the stock, but the enterprise was established on a firm and legitimate foundation, with a view to permanency and continuous expansion along normal lines. To Mr. Sprague is due in large degree the development of this important corporation and its business, and he was fortunate in gaining the loyal co-operation of other representative capitalists and business men of Vinton County, so that the company is emphatically a home institution. The personnel of the present official corps of the company is as here noted: Harry S. Hamilton, president; O. E. Vollenweider, vice president; Otto F. Pilcher, secretary, and Lewis W. Sprague, general manager. In addition to

these officers the directorate of the company includes also I. M. Lantz, of McArthur, and William C. Fischer, of Zaleski, Vinton County. On other pages of this publication individual mention is made of both the president and secretary, and to the article in question reference may be made for further details concerning the company and its operations. The plant of the McArthur Brick Company is situated near the county seat and is essentially modern in every respect, the main building being a fine structure that shows the special attractiveness and splendid architectural values of the brick manufactured at the plant itself. The special products are the McArthur Mission and Rug brick, which are of the finest type of the rough-surfaced tapestry brick employed for the ornamental exterior finishing of buildings of the best modern order. The McArthur brick offers to architects and builders the best of material for the achieving of most varied and attractive color schemes in the erection of buildings and the value of the product is further increased by the fact that all of the brick is of vitrified and fire-proof type. The superiority of the output has gained to the company an extensive trade both throughout the United States and the Canadian provinces, and orders are filled in connection with the construction of the largest and finest types of buildings, both public and private. Aside from the decorative or purely architectural brick the company finds large demands for its regular vitrified products, and by this concern the brick was supplied for the erection of the extensive municipal filtration plant placed in commission in conjunction with the water system of the City of Cleveland. In the City of Chicago also are to be found a large number of modern buildings that are faced with the McArthur brick. The company gives employment to a corps of one hundred competent workmen, and the materials utilized in the manufacturing are taken from property owned by the company and situated near the plant. Valuable patents are controlled and the supply resources are unexcelled in quality and accessibility.

Mr. Sprague was born at McArthur, Vinton County, on the 27th of December, 1867, and is indebted to the public schools of his native town for his early educational discipline, which included the curriculum of the high school. His entire active career has been one of close identification with business interests in McArthur and Vinton County, and the record already entered demonstrates conclusively that he is one of the most alert, progressive and influential men of affairs in the county that has ever been his home and to which he pays unequivocal loyalty. His father, Van R. Sprague, is one of the prominent newspaper men of the southern part of the Buckeye State and is editor and publisher of the Vinton County Republican-Tribune, at McArthur. This is the lead-

ing republican paper of Vinton County and its owner has made it an effective exponent of the cause of the party and also of local interests in general. Van R. Sprague is likewise a native of Vinton County, where his parents established their residence in the pioneer days, and here he was reared and educated. As a young man he was employed for several years as United States railway mail clerk on the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and later he served four years as postmaster of McArthur, during the administration of President Harrison, and four years under the regime of President McKinley. He has controlled his present newspaper business for twelve or more years and is one of the influential representatives of the republican party in Vinton County. His wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Gill, was born and reared in Vinton County, a member of one of the old and honored families of this section of the state, and she was summoned to the life eternal on the 5th of May, 1913, her birth having occurred in 1847. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which her husband likewise holds membership. Of the children Lewis W., the immediate subject of this review, is the eldest; Eliza is the wife of Frank V. Lantz, who is serving as postmaster at McArthur, and they have one son and two daughters; Cynthia is the wife of Harry S. Hamilton, concerning whom specific mention is made on other pages of this work; Blackstone P. is engaged in the livery business at Athens, judicial center of the county of the same name, and has one son and three daughters; Jessie is the wife of Homer Atkinson, of McArthur, and they have one son.

Lewis W. Sprague follows in the political footsteps of his father and is a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed the various official chairs.

In 1889 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sprague to Miss Margaret B. Trimmer, who was born and reared in Vinton County. She is a daughter of Samuel H. Trimmer, who was long numbered among the substantial farmers and representative citizens of this county, to which he came from his native State of Pennsylvania, and in which he continued his residence until his death, in 1912. His widow, who celebrated in 1915 her seventy-fourth birthday anniversary, now resides in the home of her daughter, Margaret, wife of the subject of this sketch, and she is a devout member of the Christian Church, as was also her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague have one daughter, Gladys I., who was born on the 8th of June, 1891, and who is now the wife of Professor Frank Zigler, the well known violinist and the executive head of the popular Zigler-Howe Orchestra, in the City of Columbus, Ohio. Mrs.

Zigler likewise is a talented violinist and she and her husband are leaders in the musical affairs of Ohio's capital city. They have two daughters, Frances and Joan.

Dennis Wilson. Mr. Wilson and his wife have each passed the psalmist's span of three score years and ten and the most significant testimonial to their sterling worth, their kindliness and consideration and their gracious and sympathetic personalities is that afforded in the affectionate regard in which they are held in the community that has represented their home for many years and in which they find themselves compassed by the conditions and influences that make for spiritual and material well-being and generous prosperity as the shadows of life begin to lengthen from the sunset gates of the golden west. Mr. Wilson has long been numbered among the representative agriculturists and stockgrowers of Swan Township, Vinton County, where he has maintained his home from boyhood and where he stands as the only surviving scion of his generation in a sterling pioneer family of this county.

In the township that is now his place of residence Dennis Wilson was born on the 21st of February, 1842, and he is a son of Silas and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Wilson, both of whom were born and reared in Perry County, Ohio, where the respective families settled in the early pioneer days. The marriage of the parents of Mr. Wilson was solemnized in their native county, and their virtual bridal tour was made when they made the trip on horseback from Perry County to what is now Vinton County, the parents of Mr. Wilson, Benjamin and Susan (Schriver) Reynolds, having come to Swan Township a few years previously and having established their home in a virtual wilderness. Mr. Reynolds here reclaimed a farm from the virgin forest, and here he and his wife passed the residue of their lives, their names meriting an enduring place on the roll of the honored pioneers of Vinton County. Mr. Reynolds died at the patriarchial age of ninety-three years and his widow was about the same age when she too was called to the life eternal, both having been zealous members of the Christian Church, and in the early days Mr. Reynolds and his son having been the only two adherents of the democratic party to claim residence in Swan Township. Four of the daughters are still living, there having been four sons and ten daughters in this well-known pioneer family of Vinton County.

Silas Wilson was a son of Michael Wilson, who was born in Scotland, and who was young when he came to the United States. He was an early settler in Perry County, Ohio, and his wife, whose family name was Heck, was born in Pennsylvania of German lineage. Mrs. Michael Wilson was a resident of Perry County at the time of her death, when in

middle life, and her husband survived her by many years, he having passed the eightieth milestone on the journey of life before he passed forward to the "land of the leal," a pioneer who did well his part in furthering the civic and material development and progress of Perry County, where he continued to reside until his death and where he was a zealous supporter of the cause of the whig party.

As previously noted, Silas Wilson and his wife came to Vinton County almost immediately after their marriage, and they established their home in a primitive loghouse on one of the embryonic farms of Swan Township. Mr. Wilson entered vigorously upon the task of reclaiming his land to cultivation, but he was called from the stage of his mortal endeavors in the very prime of his manhood, as he was about forty years old at the time of his death, in 1847. His widow remained devoted to his memory during the remainder of her long and gentle life and survived him by more than half a century. She continued to reside on the old homestead during these long years and was more than eighty years of age at the time of her death, about the opening year of the twentieth century. The subject of this review was the fifth in order of birth in a family of six children and is now the only surviving one of the number; Samuel was a gallant soldier of the Union in the Civil war, in which he served as a second lieutenant in the 114th Ohio Volunteer Infantry until a cannon-ball wound necessitated the amputation of one of his feet and rendered him ineligible for further service. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Vinton County, and here he was serving in the office of county clerk at the time of his death. He is survived by one son. George W., the next in order of birth, was likewise a gallant soldier of the Union and served during the major part of the war as a member of Company B, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After the close of the war he wedded Miss Catherine Paffenberger, and both are deceased, some of their sons and daughters still surviving them. Susan, the youngest of the children, was a young woman at the time of her death, which occurred at the time when the Civil war was in progress.

Dennis Wilson, to whom this sketch is dedicated, was reared under the conditions and influences of the pioneer days in Vinton County and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the somewhat primitive schools of the locality and period. He has continuously maintained his residence in his native township save for a period of seven years passed in Perry County and eighteen months in the West. His well improved landed estate comprises 362 acres and his attractive home is pleasantly situated two miles north of the Village of Creola. His land is undulating, with a number of small hills, and is of splendid fer-

tility, giving large annual yields of grain and other farm products and having been utilized effectively also in the raising of livestock of the best grades. Mr. Wilson has not followed along the beaten path of mediocrity but has been energetic, industrious and progressive, has availed himself of approved machinery and other modern facilities as they have been introduced in connection with farm operations, and he has not been denied the gracious reward of substantial and well-earned prosperity. He erected his pleasant house of six rooms, and the other buildings on the farm are of substantial order. The Wilson homestead has long been known for its generous and unassuming hospitality, and the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson do not neglect to pay them tribute in the gracious evening of their long and useful lives. Mr. Wilson is found aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party, his religious faith is that of the Church of Latter Day Saints, and his wife holds membership in the Christian Church.

Like his brothers, Mr. Wilson responded to the call of patriotism when the Civil war was precipitated on the nation, and on the 21st of September, 1861, in response to President Lincoln's first call, for volunteers for the three year term, he enlisted as a private in Company B, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he continued in active service for three years, save for a brief period during which illness confined him to a military hospital. He took part in the battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and in various minor engagements. Mr. Wilson proved a faithful and valiant soldier, always to be found at the assigned post of duty.

In 1866 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wilson to Miss Sarah J. Barcroft, who was born in Muskingum County on the 9th of September, 1844, the youngest of the ten children of William and Ann (Nixon) Barcroft, who were both natives of Morgan County, Ohio, and who were residents of Swan Township, Vinton County, at the time of their death, Mr. Barcroft having died at the age of forty-two years and his widow having passed away when more than seventy years of age. He was born in 1813 and she in 1819, and they were members of staunch pioneer families of the Buckeye State, their religious faith having been that of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he having been a democrat in his political adherency. Of their children, three sons and three daughters attained to years of maturity, and of the number one son and two daughters are now living. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson the first born was Ervilla Annetta, and she died at the age of twenty-nine years. She was a successful and popular teacher in the schools of her native county for a number of years prior to her death. Samuel Parker Wilson was born March 28, 1869, and his early educational train-

ing was acquired in the district schools. He has shown the deepest filial solicitude and loyalty and remains with his parents as his father's valued coadjutor in the work and management of the home farm. He likewise is a democrat in politics and is loyal to the county that has always represented his home and in which he has a wide circle of friends.

JOSEPH ASBURY LINN, of Swan Township in Vinton County, is now rounding his period of three score and ten years in the comfortable employment of his energies as a farmer, and he has a pleasing and grateful retrospect over many years of well directed effort, influential associations with his community, and the material reward and personal esteem which are the best tokens of a well-spent career.

His family were among the early pioneer settlers of southern Ohio. His grandfather, Joseph Linn, was born about the close of the Revolutionary war, and married Martha Montgomery. For his services in the War of 1812 Joseph Linn was given a government land warrant, and not long after his marriage he located in Muskingum County, Ohio. He spent many years of hard toil in developing his land and helping to improve his community, but later in life sold out and moved to Vinton County to join his two sons, Abner and Adam.

Adam Linn, the father of Joseph Asbury, had married about 1840 in Muskingum County, and the same year had moved to Vinton County. The maiden name of his wife was Matilda J. Chenoweth, a native of Muskingum County. After their removal to Vinton County they started out to make a new farm, and that farm is now the property of Joseph Asbury Linn. Grandfather Joseph Linn also had some part in perfecting the title and working the soil of this farm, and he and his wife spent there their declining years, from about 1850. Joseph Linn died about forty years ago when past ninety, having survived his wife several years. They were members of the Baptist Church and he was a democrat in politics. Most of their large family of children grew up and married and had children of their own. The oldest was Dr. William Linn, who died a few years ago when nearly 100 years old. His death occurred in Shelby County, Ohio.

Adam Linn and his young wife on removing to Vinton County in 1840 took 140 acres in section 17 of Swan Township and started housekeeping in a log cabin with the very simplest and rudest of furnishings, including a puncheon floor and a door made of heavy slabs. They were well fitted for pioneer life, and in time developed a farm, put up a hewed log house and gradually surrounded themselves with many comforts. In the hewed loghouse most of their children were born. Subsequently they sold the first place and bought another on a branch of

Raccoon Creek in the same township. On this they spent the rest of their days. Adam Linn died January 26, 1873, when nearly fifty-six years of age. His widow survived him nineteen years lacking one month and passed away at the age of sixty-six. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and as a democrat Adam Linn received the support of his fellow citizens for several local offices. In their family were eleven children and the two oldest died some years ago when quite old people. Nine of them are still living, the youngest being past fifty, and all but one have a family. John Henry, the second in age, served for more than three years as a private in Company I of the Seventy-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was in many battles, but returned home with but little injury to his body or health.

Joseph Asbury Linn was born on the farm his father first owned in Vinton County on February 29, 1848. He grew up in Vinton County, remained at home until reaching his majority, and secured such educational advantages as were supplied by the local schools. After his marriage he bought fifty-five acres in conjunction with his father-in-law and later he bought the eight acres now known as the Purley Dunkle place. Still later he bought his present farm, which had originally belonged to his grandfather, comprising sixty acres, and to this his wife has added forty acres as her share of her father's estate. This is a highly prosperous and improved homestead, and for a number of years has been steadily devoted to the growing of farm crops and stock. Mr. and Mrs. Linn reside in a comfortable and attractive residence, surrounded with well kept grounds.

In Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1869, Mr. Linn married Miss Elizabeth A. Faulkner, who was born in Swan Township of Vinton County May 24, 1850, a member of an old and prominent family in this section of Ohio. She was reared in her native locality and received her education there. Her people came to Ohio from Virginia. Her grandparents were Kemp and Elizabeth (Jenkins) Faulkner, both natives of Loudoun County, Virginia, where they married and where they reared most of their children. They came overland by wagon to Ohio, camping by the wayside at night, and spending six weeks on the journey. To supply some of the necessities of their journey they drove a fresh cow alongside the wagon. The Faulkners first located in Muskingum County, Kemp Faulkner having a land warrant which was granted him by the government for his services in the War of 1812. Kemp Faulkner was born in 1793 and died in Muskingum County in 1874. His wife was born in the same year and died in 1865. Both were active Baptists and he was a democrat. James Faulkner, father of Mrs. Linn, was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, in 1824, and was ten years of age when he came as a

boy to Ohio, and he helped perform some of the interesting duties connected with that overland journey. He grew up in Ohio and, being well educated, was employed as a teacher for several years. On moving to Swan Township in Vinton County he met and married Phoebe Kaler, daughter of Judge Joseph and Mary (Angle) Kaler. Her father was a very prominent citizen of Vinton County, served as probate judge and in other offices, was active as a farmer, a republican in politics and a member of the United Brethren Church. James Faulkner and wife succeeded to the ownership of his father's farm and spent the rest of their days there. He died in 1878 at the age of fifty-four, while Mrs. Faulkner was born in 1830 and died in 1859. She left a family of five sons and daughters, and Mrs. Linn is one of three sisters still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Linn have had four children: Mary A. is the wife of Lewis Arick and lives on the old Faulkner farm in Swan Township; their children are named Floyd, Prudence, Nellie F., Scott, Wilbur and Mary A. B. Bertha is the wife of Pearly Bray, a farmer in Swan Township, and their two children are named John and Pearly L. Addie E. is the wife of William H. Mercer of Hocking County, and their children are named Thomas H., Ferdie H., Wayne H. and an infant. Pearley Clifford lives near the old home and is a farmer, and by his marriage to Anna Bray has three children, named Nannie O., Virgil and Joseph G.

Purley B. Dunkle. From the time of his birth to the present Mr. Dunkle has maintained his home in Vinton County, Ohio, which he represented as a gallant soldier and officer of the Union in the Civil war, and here he has stood for many years as one of the prosperous agriculturists and influential citizens of Swan Township, with inviolable place in popular confidence and good will. He is a scion of a sterling pioneer family of Ohio, with whose history the name of Dunkle has been worthily linked for more than a century, so that there are many points which make specially consistent his recognition in this history of the Hanging Rock iron region, his father having been one of the pioneers who aided materially in the initial development and upbuilding of Vinton County.

Mr. Dunkle was born in Swan Township, Vinton County, on the 14th of May, 1844, and such were the exigencies of time and place that in his youth he received only the limited advantages afforded in the primitive pioneer schools, his broader fund of knowledge having been that gained through self-discipline and through association with the active duties and responsibilities of life. His father, John Dunkle, Jr., was a son of John, Sr., who was born in Pennsylvania, a representative of the staunch old German stock that has been most prominent in the

history of that commonwealth. He married in Pennsylvania and in the early part of the nineteenth century he came to Ohio and numbered himself among the pioneers of Pickaway County, which at that time was little more than a wilderness, with sparse settlement. There he gave himself earnestly to the reclaiming of a farm and there he continued his residence for many years, a substantial and honored citizen. Finally he sold his property in that county and removed to Vinton County, where both he and his wife passed the residue of their lives. Each attained to advanced age and the remains of both rest in the old Elk Township Cemetery at McArthur. All of their children who attained to maturity were born in Ohio and all married and reared children, the sons having been John, Jr., Eli, Samuel, Jacob, Benjamin and Isaac, and the daughters, Phoebe and Polly. All of these children are now deceased.

John Dunkle, Jr., was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, about the year 1812, and he was still young at the time of the family removal to what is now Vinton County. Here he was reared to manhood under the conditions of the pioneer days and here he eventually became one of the representative farmers of this section of the state. He improved a good farm of 360 acres in Swan Township and there he maintained his home until his death, which occurred September 6, 1868. He was a man of energy, industry and mature judgment, loyal and steadfast in all of the relations of life, and an honored and influential citizen who took much interest in community affairs. He united with the republican party at the time of its organization and he served for many years in local offices of trust, including those of township trustee and assessor. His land he obtained in large part directly from the government, and thus it was his to figure as one of the founders and builders of the County of Vinton as it stands today.

In Elk Township was solemnized the marriage of John Dunkle, Jr., to Miss Nancy Pilcher, who was born in Elk Township, Vinton County, about the year 1815, and who passed her entire life in this county, where her parents were numbered among the very early settlers. Adequate data concerning the family appear on other pages of this publication, in the sketch dedicated to Otto Pilcher. Mrs. Dunkle preceded her husband to eternal rest, her death having occurred in the late '50s. Of their children the eldest was James, who was a prosperous farmer of Vinton County at the time of his death and who is survived by two daughters. Lafayette likewise died in this county and was survived by children. John P. was a resident of the State of Oregon at the time of his death and he left a family. Benjamin was the owner of his father's old homestead at the time of his demise and he likewise left children. Isaac served

during the Civil war as a member of the 114th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he now resides in the State of Colorado, his wife being deceased. George was a valiant soldier during the Civil war, in which he served as first lieutenant of Company B, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he was survived by his wife, who later became the wife of Wm. Croy. Linnie became the wife of Isaiah Sane and both died at Mount Pleasant, Vinton County, leaving one son and one daughter. The subject of this sketch was the next in order of birth. Columbus was a member of the 144th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and after the close of the war he married and established himself as a farmer of Vinton County. His first wife died and was survived by two daughters and three sons: Cynthia, who is now the wife of Levert Pearce of McArthur, judicial center of Vinton County, and Nancy, who is the wife of Harvey Karns, their home being in the State of Iowa and their only child being a daughter. For his second wife John Dunkle, Sr., wedded Miss Margaret Hill, and concerning their children it may be recorded that Mrs. Alice Mains now resides with her daughter in the City of Chicago; Henry is a resident of Madison County, Ohio, and has a family; Eli resides near the City of Seattle, Washington, after having passed ten years in Alaska, and he is still a bachelor; and Fannie and her husband reside in the State of Texas.

Purley B. Dunkle, the eleventh in order of birth in the family of fourteen children, was reared to adult age on the old homestead farm which was the place of his birth and he continued to be associated with its operation until there came the call of higher duty, when the Civil war was precipitated on the nation. In April, 1861, a short time prior to his seventeenth birthday anniversary, he enlisted in Company D, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in response to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers. He served with his command in guard duty until the expiration of his three months' term of enlistment, and he then re-enlisted, as a member of the Second Virginia Cavalry, which was made up largely of Ohio men but which completed its organization in Virginia, where its officers received their commissions. With this gallant cavalry regiment Mr. Dunkle continued in service until the close of the war, having re-enlisted, as a veteran, in Virginia, in December, 1863. His original service was in the command of General Custer, in the Army of the Potomac, and thereafter he was for the greater part of the time in service under General Sheridan. He was promoted to the office of sergeant in the early part of the war, and he participated in many engagements marking the progress of the great conflict between the North and the South. Among the engagements in which he took part were those of Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill, Saylor's Creek, Gravelly Run and Five Forks, all in Virginia, as well as other conflicts in the rear of

the City of Richmond, that state. Sergeant Dunkle was fortunate in that he was never captured and in that he escaped wounds during the course of his long and gallant service. His continued interest in his old comrades is indicated by his active affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic. It may further be stated that he is a republican in politics and that he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

After the close of the war Mr. Dunkle returned to Vinton County and resumed his active association with the basic industry of agriculture, of which he has since continued a successful representative in Swan Township. For the past thirty years he has resided on his well improved homestead farm, and in addition to the returns from the same, he receives from the government a pension of $30 a month, as a veteran of the Civil war.

In October, 1867, Mr. Dunkle wedded Miss Nancy Bray, who was born in Swan Township on the 6th of February, 1847, and who continued her residence until her death, which occurred on the 27th of February, 1912. She was a daughter of John and Catherine (Birley) Bray, who were pioneer settlers of Swan Township, where they resided until their death, both having been members of the Methodist Church and Mr. Bray having been a republican in his political adherency. Mrs. Dunkle is survived by one son, Carney C., who is now engaged in business as a teamster in the City of Chicago: he married Miss Catherine Smallwood and they have two daughters, Nancy M. and Daisy M., both of whom are capable bookkeepers and employed in Chicago business establishments.

On the 21st of August, 1912, Mr. Dunkle contracted a second marriage, when Mrs. Mary E. (Smallwood) Hoffman, widow of John S. Hoffman, became his wife, no children having been born of her first marriage. Mrs. Dunkle was born in Harrison Township, Ross County, Ohio, on the 19th of March, 1852, and is a daughter of Gabriel and Rosanna (Trainer) Smallwood, the former of whom was born in that county and the latter of whom was born in Ireland, whence her parents emigrated to the United States when she was a child of five years, her father having died in Maryland and she having later come to Ohio in company with one of her uncles. Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood continued their residence in Ross County until their death, he having attained to the venerable age of eighty-three years and she having passed away at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Smallwood was a republican in politics and his religious faith was that of the Universalist Church, his wife having been a communicant of the Catholic Church.

Isaac M. Lantz. A substantial and honored citizen of large and varied capitalistic interests, Mr. Lantz is one of the representative business men of McArthur, the county seat of Vinton County, where he has been engaged in the hardware business for forty years and where he succeeded his father in this line of enterprise, so that his has been the privilege of well maintaining the prestige of a family name that has been significantly prominent and influential in the annals of the county since the pioneer days. About seventy years ago his father, George Lantz, assumed ownership and management of the hardware business that had previously been conducted by Archibald Arnold, and the Lantz family is one of the oldest and best known in this favored section of the Buckeye State, where the name has ever stood exemplar of broad usefulness in connection with the practical activities of life and also of the highest order of loyal and progressive citizenship.

George Lantz was born at McArthur, in the year 1828, at which time the now thriving little city was a mere hamlet in the pioneer community. His father, Aaron Lantz, was a twin brother of Moses Lantz, and the two were born in the district of the River Rhine, their father having been of sterling German lineage and their mother of French ancestry. The parents passed their entire lives in the beautiful and historic Rhine region of Germany, and there the twin sons were reared to adult age. Aaron and Moses Lantz emigrated to the United States about a century ago, and both became pioneer settlers in what is now Elk Township, Vinton County, Ohio, though Moses eventually removed to the South, where he passed the closing years of his life, after having married and reared a family of children. In the sylvan wilds of Vinton County the brothers erected a rude loghouse of the true pioneer type, and it is a matter of record that this little cabin had the puncheon floor, yawning fireplace and other primitive appurtenances which characterized the homes of the sparsely settled community.

Aaron Lantz obtained from the government a tract of heavily timbered land and set to himself the herculean task of reclaiming a farm from the wilderness, his brother having removed to the South within a comparatively few years after they came to Vinton County. In this county was solemnized the marriage of Aaron Lantz to Miss Leah Claypoole, and they endured the full tension of pioneer life, sustained and made content through mutual love and devotion and community of interests, so that with the passing years increasing prosperity crowned their earnest and indefatigable labors. After Vinton County was organized and the Village of McArthur was laid out as its judicial center, in 1851, they removed to the county seat and here Mr. Lantz erected an old-time inn or tavern, which became one of the landmarks of this section

of the state, as well as a popular place for the entertainment of the way-faring guests. As a matter of historical record it is interesting to recall that on the roof of the hotel was placed a bell, which was utilized to summon guests to dinner and other meals that were spread with true pioneer lavishness. After successfully conducting this hotel for several years Mr. Lantz died, at the age of forty-eight years. He was one of the vigorous, strong and worthy pioneers of Vinton County, did well his part in the furtherance of civic and material development and progress and his name merits enduring place on the roster of the sterling pioneers of the county, as does also that of his wife, who survived him by many years and who was eighty-six years of age at the time of her death. They became the parents of three sons and four daughters, and of the number only two are now living, David and Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, both of whom maintain their home at McArthur and both of whom have reared their children to lives of honor and usefulness, further mention of Mrs. Hamilton being made on other pages of this work, in the sketch of her son, Harry S. Hamilton.

George Lantz, father of the subject of this sketch, was the eldest of the seven children and was born at McArthur on the 6th of March, 1828. He was reared to manhood in his native country, where he was afforded the advantages of the common schools of the pioneer era, though the major part of his education was acquired through self-discipline, his early reading having been principally compassed in the text of the New Testament, of which portion of the Bible he owned a copy that was virtually his constant companion in this formative period of character building. He became one of the resourceful and representative business men of McArthur and was a citizen whose influence was ever given in support of those things that contributed to the general well-being of the community. He ever held impregnable place in popular confidence and esteem and was called upon to serve in various local offices of public trust. He held the office of county clerk for two terms, served one term as judge of the probate court of the county, and was postmaster of McArthur during the administration of President Cleveland—a fact that indicates his staunch advocacy and support of the principles and cause of the democratic party. He was influential in political affairs in this section of the state and was a personal friend of a number of the leading men in public life in Ohio, including Senator Henry B. Payne, Hon. Allen G. Thurman and many other prominent figures in the Ohio ranks of the democratic party. He was a man of superior intellectuality and of profound judgment—one well qualified for leadership in public thought and action. While serving as county clerk he applied himself diligently to the study of law and proved himself eligible for and was

admitted to the bar of his native state. George Lantz was all in all a man of well balanced personality, ordered his course on a high plane of integrity and honor, was kindly and tolerant in his judgment and fully merited the high regard so uniformly accorded to him. Among his personal friends in the ranks of the democratic party was Governor Bishop, and many other representative members of the party looked upon him as a valuable and safe counselor in connection with matters of political and governmental importance.

As a young man George Lantz wedded Miss Amanda B. Lottridge, who was a daughter of Isaac and Experience (Cross) Lottridge, her father having been a descendant of that historic character Anneke Jans, the Holland girl who became the wife of Domine Bogardus and whose former estate in New Amsterdam, now the City of New York, included much of the great property now held by the Trinity Church Corporation, the heirs of Anneke Jans having for many generations endeavored to gain their heritage from the now stupendous estate. Isaac Lottridge and his wife were likewise honored pioneers of Vinton County, where they continued to reside until their death, when well advanced in years. They were among those who came from Virginia to Ohio in an early day and after residing for some time in the eastern part of the Buckeye State they numbered themselves among the pioneers of Vinton County. Mrs. Amanda B. Lantz died in the year 1903, and her husband passed to the life eternal in 1904, she having been a devout member of the Christian Church. Of their seven sons and one daughter four of the sons and the one daughter attained to years of maturity. Aaron R. was a resident of McArthur at the time of his death and was survived by his wife and three daughters. Isaac M., of this review, was the next in order of birth. John met his death at the age of eighteen years, as the result of an accident. Edward B., who is now in the employ of his brother Isaac, whose name initiates this article, is married and has two sons and six daughters. Mary, who is the widow of Frank Austin, was graduated in one of the leading medical colleges of Ohio and is now assistant to the superintendent of the Ohio State Hospital for the Insane, at Gallipolis. Her husband died about ten years ago and she has no children. She has achieved marked success and prestige in her profession and is known as a skilled physician and surgeon. Frank V., who is the present postmaster of McArthur, has one son and two daughters.

Isaac M. Lantz not only conducts a large and well equipped hardware and implement establishment in his native city, but is the owner also of a modern planing mill and furniture factory at McArthur, so that he naturally has precedence as one of the leading factors in local business circles, as does he also as one of the broad-minded, loyal and pro-

gressive citizens of his native county. He is the owner of four well improved farms in Vinton County and also an excellent farm in Morrow County, this state. In politics Mr. Lantz accords staunch allegiance to the democratic party, but he has never been troubled with aspiration for political office, as he is essentially a business man and believes that his potentiality for good lies more in the furtherance of his business affairs, as of direct value to the community, and through his liberal support of measures projected for the general good than through service in public office. He has consequently refused all overtures looking to his nomination for public office. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of the Modern Maccabees, and is a zealous member of the Christion Church in their home city.

At Mount Gilead, the judicial center of Morrow County, Ohio, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lantz to Miss Medora Belle Parrott, who was born in that county on the 18th of September, 1855. Mrs. Lantz is a daughter of Simeon and Mary (Heddleston) Parrott, both of whom passed their entire lives in Ohio, the father having been one of the representative farmers and influential citizens of Morrow County for many years prior to his demise. Mr. and Mrs. Lantz have no children, but their pleasant home is known for its generous hospitality, which is extended alike to young and old.

Charles W. Harden is at the head of one of the best managed farming estates and of one of the most esteemed families in Vinton County. His home is in Jackson Township, and his postoffice is McArthur. He has lived in Jackson Township all his life. His prosperity has been won from the capable management of a 183-acre farm, and among its conspicuous improvements are a large and comfortable house and substantial farm buildings, with a large barn 40x42 feet.

It is Mr. Harden's testimony that the most substantial success to be gained as a farmer in this section of the state is through live stock. He has been exceptionally proficient and successful in handling live stock, and has made his farm the headquarters for horses, cattle, swine and sheep. Sheep raising is his specialty.

Charles W. Harden was born in Jackson Township of Vinton County, March 30, 1858, and was reared in this locality, where he gained an education in the local schools and since his marriage he has owned and operated two farms, both in the same township. Industry and close application to his work have been responsible for the means which he has accumulated and which have enabled him to provide liberally for his children, most of whom are now in independent circumstances as workers in the world. His parents were John R. and Priscilla J. (Cramlet)

Harden, both of whom were born in Noble County, Ohio. The paternal grandfather was Benjamin Harden and the maternal grandfather Andrew Cramlet. Both the Hardens and Cramlets moved from Noble County to Hocking County when John R. Harden and Priscilla Cramlet were children. The grandparents spent the rest of their lives in that county and were quite old when they passed away. They were farmers and the family as a rule have followed the standard bearers of the democratic party in politics.

After their marriage John R. Harden and wife started housekeeping in Hocking County. While they lived there three children were born: Harriet, who is married and lives in the State of Mississippi; William, who is married and lives in Jackson Township; and Homer B., who now lives at Salem in Ross County and is married and has a family. About 1856 or 1857 the family came to Jackson Township in Vinton County, and here in the midst of the hills they worked hard to build up and improve a farm of eighty acres. The wife and mother passed away on that homestead in 1888. John R. Harden subsequently lived with his son until his death on July 11, 1896. He was born December 2, 1827. While the parents lived in Vinton County the following children were born: Charles W.; Noah M., who lives in Jackson Township and by his marriage to Ella Morgan has a family of daughters; George B., who is a farmer in Jackson Township and married Martha Robinson; Darcy and Ida, twins, who grew up and married, the former becoming the mother of five children, and both are now deceased; Bundy W., who lives in Jackson Township and is married and has a family.

On March 3, 1886, Charles W. Harden married Miss Melissa A. Johnston. She was born in Noble County, Ohio, July 2, 1859. Her parents George W. and Mary E. (Beasley) Johnston, at the time of her birth lived at Batesville, but when she was eleven years of age she moved with an uncle to Jackson Township in Vinton County. Her parents both died when Mrs. Harden was a little girl of five years of age. Her father died in 1864 after several years of service as a bugler in an Ohio regiment during the war. Her mother was born October 28, 1836, at Baltimore, Maryland, while her father was born in Noble County, Ohio. Mrs. Harden had a brother Daniel L., who is now an attorney at Omaha, Nebraska. Daniel L. Johnston married Caroline C. Covey, who was born in Pottsdam, New York, and went west to Nebraska as a teacher, and before her marriage served as county superintendent of schools in a Nebraska County. She was an educator as was also her husband, who is a graduate of the Ohio University at Athens, and during his career as a teacher also served as a superintendent of schools. Afterwards he became a lawyer and is now well established in practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Harden have had eight children born into their home in Vinton County. Erma A., born February 13, 1887, received her education in the country schools and is now the wife of Walter E. Freeman, a farmer at Hallsville in Fairfield County, Ohio; their children are named Ruth, Charles and Arthur D. Edith E., the second daughter, born March 24, 1889, also received a common school education, and is now the wife of George E. Dunkle, and they live on a farm in Jackson Township; their children are Harry K., Mary A. and Estella M. Charles E., the oldest son, born December 3, 1890, after attending the district schools was a student during 1910-11 at the Rio Grande College in Ohio, went from there to Fremont, Nebraska, where he graduated from the commercial department of the normal school, then entered a national bank at South Omaha for nine months and spent two years in the State Bank of Glenwood, Iowa, as assistant cashier, and is now cashier of the South Fork State Bank of Chambers, Nebraska; he is still unmarried. Bundy A., who was born September 1, 1892, has been a teacher, was a student in the Ohio University at Athens, and is now a member of the Freshman class in the Ohio State University in the agricultural department, preparing for a career as a technical farmer; he married Hazel Ankrom of Jackson Township, who was also a teacher and studied in the Ohio University at Athens, and they have a son named Arthur D. Elsie M., who was born March 31, 1895, received her education in the public schools, is the wife of Arthur J. Worthman, and they live in Hocking County. Carrie B., born August 14, 1898, has now completed the course in the local schools of Jackson Township. Milford H., was born October 1, 1902, and is still in school, as is also the youngest, Justice P., who was born November 2, 1905.

The members of the Harden family are Protestant Methodists in church affairs. Mr. Harden in addition to his strenuous work as a farmer and stock raiser and the responsibilities of a large family, has also participated actively in local politics and affairs, and gave nine years of his time and ability to the office of township trustee and for many years served on the local school board.

Linnie A. Arnold. Though she has not yet attained to the age of thirty years, Miss Arnold has been for seven years an able and popular representative of the pedagogic profession in the fine little City of McArthur, the judicial center of Vinton County, and her entire period of service in this exacting and important vocation covers an interval of ten years. Her success has been on a parity with her earnest devotion and unequivocal personal popularity and she is known as a young woman of high intellectual attainments, gracious presence and marked ability as

a teacher and executive, her deep interest in the profession of her choice being significantly manifested in the enthusiasm which she brings to bear in its work. Miss Arnold became a teacher in the McArthur High School in 1908 and since 1911 she has held the position of principal of the same, her administration in this capacity having been marked by high scholastic ideals and progressive policies, so that the results have inured to raising the work of the high school to specially high standard, further interest attaching to her service here by reason of the fact that in 1902 she herself was graduated in the McArthur High School. Her gentle and winning personality and unfailing kindliness and consideration retain to her the affectionate regard of those who receive instruction under her direction, and it may with all of consistency be said that her circle of friends is limited only by that of her acquaintances. She is a representative of a sterling family whose name has been worthily linked with civic and material interests in this section of Ohio for many years, and while her kinsfolk in both the paternal and maternal lines have not in the present or earlier generations been persons of wealth or special prominence, they have stood exponent of staunch and loyal citizenship, of the highest principle, of abiding Christian faith and of usefulness and independence in connection with the practical affairs of life, so that the ancestral record, exemplifying the best of American ideals, is one in which she may properly take pride and satisfaction.

After her graduation in the high school Miss Arnold entered Ohio Wesleyan University in the City of Delaware, and in this admirable institution she was graduated as a member of the class of 1906 and with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the summer of 1912 she completed an effective post-graduate course in the Universty of Minnesota, at Minneapolis, and she is indefatigable in constantly broadening her intellectual horizon through well ordered study and reading. After teaching two years in the public schools of Nelsonville, Athens County, Miss Arnold became a teacher in the high school at McArthur, and three years later she was advanced to her present position, that of principal of the school, in which office she has made an admirable record that gives her prestige as one of the prominent and influential representatives of her profession in this section of her native state.

Miss Arnold was born in Clinton County, Ohio, but was only three years of age when her parents established their home at McArthur, where she was reared to maturity and where she continued her studies in the public schools until she had completed the curriculum of the high school of which she is now the efficient and popular principal. She is a daughter of William H. and Emma (Kennard) Arnold, both of whom were born, reared and educated in Vinton County, where they have continued their

residence save for a period of three years in Clinton County. Mr. Arnold was born in the year 1862 and is a scion of one of the well known and highly esteemed families of Vinton County, as is also his wife, their marriage having been solemnized in 1885. In his youth Mr. Arnold learned the blacksmith's trade, to which he has continued to devote his attention to the present time,—a sturdy, upright, generous and industrious citizen who commands the confidence and good will of all who know him. He has been engaged in the blacksmith business at McArthur consecutively save for the interval of three years in Clinton County, where he was similarly engaged. He learned his trade under the effective direction of his father, James H. Arnold, who was born in Virginia and who was a boy at the time of his parents' removal from the historic Old Dominion to Ohio. His father, Archibald Arnold, was one of the pioneer settlers of Vinton County, where he continued to reside until his death, and it is believed that the Arnold family was founded in Virginia in the early colonial era of our national history. Archibald Arnold was twice married before leaving Virginia, and his second wife accompanied him and the children on the immigration to Ohio. He was a skilled machinist and soon after establishing his residence in Vinton County he opened a village blacksmith shop in the little Hamlet of McArthur, this pioneer smithy having been situated on what is now High Street and in close proximity to the present Presbyterian Church. Like his son and grandson who continued to uphold the social and material honors of the name in the study vocation of blacksmith, he was a man of strong and resolute character and steadfast integrity of purpose, so that he accounted well for himself as one of the world's noble army of workers and merited and received the confidence and good will of his fellow men. He was one of the well known and highly honored citizens of Vinton County and continued his residence at McArthur until his death, in July, 1906, at the patriarchal age of ninety-three years. His second wife died within a few years after the family home was established in Vinton County, and thereafter he was twice married, his last wife having been Elizabeth Throcmorton and she having been eighty-nine years of age at the time of her death, in 1902, both having been earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and his allegiance having been given to the whig party until the organization of the republican party, when he cast in his lot with the latter, of whose cause he continued a staunch supporter during the residue of his long and useful life.

James H. Arnold, grandfather of Miss Arnold of this review, learned the blacksmith trade under the direction of his father, whom he succeeded in the ownership of the shop established by the former at McArthur.

James H. continued as the skilled, successful blacksmith of Vinton County's judicial center for many years, was known for his great heart and strong and worthy manhood, and continued his activities at his trade until he retired in favor of his son, two years prior to his death, which occurred in February, 1910, his birth year having been 1834 and he having survived his venerable father by about four years. His son William was associated with him in the blacksmith business from youth and succeeded to the full control of the pioneer business in 1908.

William H. Arnold is thus the third of the name and of the third generation of the family to exemplify at McArthur the brawn and skill demanded in connection with the blacksmith trade, and he has in every sense upheld the prestige of the honored name which he bears. His mother, whose maiden name was Tryphenia Westcoat, was born in Elk Township, Vinton County, Ohio, about the year 1837, and she still maintains her home at McArthur, well preserved in physical and mental powers, and a loved pioneer woman of the county. She is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which her husband attended and liberally supported, and the latter was a stalwart republican in his political proclivities. Of their children eight are still living and all are married and well established in life.

William Henry Arnold, father of the subject of this review, was a young man at the time of his marriage, in 1885, to Miss Emma Kennard, who was born at Locust Grove, Vinton County, on the 4th of October, 1862, a daughter of William J. and Martha (Culbertson) Kennard, both of whom were born and reared in Ohio, their marriage having been solemnized in Licking County. Mr. and Mrs. Kennard maintain their residence in McArthur and are well known and highly esteemed citizens who are now venerable in years, Mr. Kennard having long been a successful contractor and builder by vocation. He is a staunch republican in politics and has served in various local offices of public trust. Both he and his wife are zealous and influential members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at McArthur, and he has been one of its officers for many years, being at the present time a member of its board of trustees. William H. and Emma (Kennard) Arnold hold membership in the Methodist Church in their home city, as does also their daughter Linnie A., of this review, who is the elder of their two children. The younger of the children is James Frederick, who was born in the year 1890 and who now maintains his residence in the City of St. Paul, Minnesota. He was graduated from McArthur High School in 1908 and attended the Ohio Northern University, at Ada. He married Miss Charlotte Pond, of Clinton County, Ohio. Miss Linnie A. Arnold is not only a suc-

cessful teacher along academic lines but also serves as a teacher in the Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal Church of McArthur.

George B. M. Andre, M. D. Engaged in the successful practice of his profession at Wheelersburg, Scioto County, Doctor Andre is numbered among the representative physicians of his native county and is a scion of a well known pioneer family of this section of the state. He was born on a farm near Powellsville, Scioto County, on what is locally designated as the French Grant, and in the same neighborhood were born and reared his parents, his father having been one of the substantial farmers and influential citizens of Scioto County at the time of his death and the mother still maintaining her home in this county. Of the ten children the following brief data may be consistently given: William V. is a successful farmer of Scioto County; Joseph C. is engaged in farming in Lawrence County; Doctor Andre, of this review, was the next in order of birth; Clarence L. is a substantial farmer of Scioto County; Carrie is the widow of William Hamerstein and still resides in this county; Andrew J. likewise is a progressive agriculturist of the old home county; Lillian is the wife of Luther Wheeler, likewise of Scioto County, her husband being a farmer and also operator of a saw mill and a threshing outfit; James C. is also to be designated as one of the effective exponents of the agricultural industry in his native county; Blanche C. is the wife of Thomas S. Collet and Bertha is the wife of William Emory, both of Scioto County.

Doctor Andre was reared under the sturdy discipline of the home farm and that he made good use of the advantages afforded him in the public schools of his native county is shown by the fact that at the age of twenty-one years he proved himself eligible for pedagogic honors and became a successful teacher in the schools of Scioto County. He was thus engaged for seven years, at the expiration of which he was able to follow out the course of his ambition and well formulated plans, by entering Miami Medical College, in the City of Cincinnati, in the year 1894. He completed the prescribed curriculum of this excellent institution, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1897 and from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He began the practice of his profession in the Village of South Webster, Scioto County; where he remained fifteen years, within which his practice became inclusive and representative throughout that part of the county and his earnest and effective work gave to him high standing among his confreres in this section of the state. In 1912 the doctor established his residence and professional headquarters at Wheelersburg, where he has fully maintained his success and popularity both as a physician and as

a citizen of progressiveness and sterling worth. Doctor Andre is actively identified with the Scioto County Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Society; is affiliated with Western Sun Lodge, No. 91, Free and Accepted Masons; is a charter member of Wheelersburg Lodge of the Knights of Pythias; and in politics he is aligned as a loyal supporter of the principles and policies for which the democratic party stands sponsor.

On the 7th of November, 1901, was solemnized the marriage of Doctor Andre to Miss Alice Gifford, who likewise was born and reared in Scioto County. Of the five children all are living except the third, Alma May. The surviving children who form a bright coterie in the happy home circle are Edna M., Earl R., Ralph G. and George E.

John L. Schachleiter. Gastronomical facilities are a matter of deep concern to the average human being, and in every populous community there is imperative demand for restaurants that will accord effective service. In the City of Ironton, Lawrence County, such provision is most effectively made by the well equipped and popular restaurant and café conducted by Mr. Schachleiter at No. 13 North Third Street. Special interest attaches to this establishment, as it was founded, in the same location, nearly sixty years ago, by the honored father of the subject of this review, and during the long intervening years has been conducted under the family name, with a reputation that has at all times been of the highest, owing to the excellent standard that has marked the service of the restaurant in every particular and that has kept to the place a large and representative patronage.

John L. Schachleiter was born in Ironton on the 30th of July, 1873, and is a son of George W. and Mary (Delabar) Schachleiter, the former of whom was born in the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1843, and the latter of whom was born at Baden, Germany, in 1840. Of the nine children seven are living, and those deceased were Marcy C., the fourth in order of birth, and Roscoe J., the youngest of the number. Those surviving are: Fannie E., Frank G., William E., John L., Katherine C., Anna F., and Georgine M.

The late George W. Schachleiter was long one of the well known and highly honored citizens of Ironton, where his circle of friends was limited only by that of his acquaintances and where he was signally admired for his unbounded buoyancy of temperament and unfailing geniality. He was an enterprising business man and was influential in public affairs of a local order. This sterling pioneer business man came with his family to Ironton in 1866, in which year he established the restaurant now conducted by his son John L., the same being now one

of the oldest business concerns in the city, in the matter of consecutive operation. In his youth and early manhood George W. Schlachleiter gained no little reputation in the theatrical profession, and had much talent as a comedian. He was a member of the company of the tragedian, John Wilkes Booth, who was a close personal friend and after he had retired from the profession he was visiting Booth in the City of Washington, where he had left the stage of the theater only a few moments before the assassination of President Lincoln there occurred. Prior to coming to Ironton he had been engaged in the hotel and restaurant business in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in this city he developed a restaurant whose reputation extended far beyond local environs, as is true of the place today, under the management of his son and popular successor. Mr. Schachleiter served many years as a member of the Ironton Board of Health and was otherwise influential in civic affairs. His death occurred in the year 1910, and was the direct result of injuries which he had received in a wreck on the Illinois Central Railroad, at Kankakee, Illinois, at the time of the World's Columbian Exposition, in Chicago. He had attended the exposition and after the accident mentioned, his injuries caused him to be in impaired health until the close of his life. His widow, held in affectionate regard by all who know her, still resides in Ironton.

John L. Schachleiter attended the parochial school of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ironton until he had attained to the age of sixteen years, and for the ensuing five years he was employed in the steel-range department of the Whitman Stove Company, of Ironton. He then, in 1899, purchased his father's restaurant business, to the management of which he has since given careful attention and in the administration of which he has not only upheld but advanced its popularity. Mr. Schachleiter is an active member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, his political allegiance is given to the republican party, both he and his wife are communicants of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and he is affiliated with the Sons of St. George and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On the 16th of June, 1896, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Schachleiter to Miss Nina Taylor, of Ironton, she being a daughter of John Taylor, who came to this city from Newark, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Schachleiter have the following children: William J., Edna C., Gordon L., Johanna M., Armilla V., Alberta F. and Rose Marie.

Nicholas Gorsuch. With the earnest co-operation of his gracious wife, who is matron of the institution, Mr. Gorsuch has made the Vinton County Children's Home fully justify its name, and as its superin-

tendent he is giving a most effective administration, both he and his wife having the deepest sympathy for the little wards of the institution and giving to them true parental affection and kindly devotion, the attractive home, maintained for the care of orphaned and other indigent children of the county, being situated 1½ miles north of McArthur, the county seat, and on the highway that is a practical continuation of North Market Street of McArthur. The most effective voucher for the admirable service which has been given by Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch is that afforded in the fact that they have been actively identified with the management of the home for the past five years. The average number of children cared for in the institution is twenty, and all such otherwise homeless wards are received and cared for until each has attained to the age of eighteen years, and the kindly generosity of the county makes provision for the proper clothing, feeding and educating of the children, all being permitted to attend school in the nearby district from the age of six years until they have reached the age of eighteen and are equipped for self support. At the age last noted they are sent forth from the institution well fortified for the battle of life, and within the regime of Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch have gone forth many who accord to them enduring and true filial affection and appreciation, which to the superintendent and his noble wife is held to be the maximum reward for their earnest and faithful labors. They have had charge of the home since 1910 and have solved for the county the problem of making proper provision for the care of the unfortunate children who have been left in indigent circumstances. Mr. Gorsuch ascribes to his wife much of the success which has attended his administration, and it is uniformly conceded that under their direction the institution has gained a status that is not excelled by that of any similar county home in the entire state. Both have shown deep appreciation of their stewardship and of the responsibilities devolving upon them in connection with the character-building of those who are placed in their solicitous charge. They maintain a regular Sunday school at the home and each evening of the week special instruction is given along religious lines. Each child is given understanding sympathy and encouragement and in all things no effort is spared to maintain a true home atmosphere, so that the institution is not lacking in the conditions and influences that mark the ideal private home. The children call Mrs. Gorsuch mother or mamma and go to her for never failing sympathy in their troubles and for appreciation of their childish joys. Few are more admirably equipped for such service than Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch and both would prove valuable in the managing of the affairs of a similar institution of much greater capacity and importance.

Mr. Gorsuch was born in Meigs County, Ohio, on the 26th of January, 1855, and is a son of John and Rachel (Singer) Gorsuch, both natives of Pennsylvania and representatives of the fine old German stock that has played so large and benignant part in the history of the Keystone State. The marriage of the parents was solemnized in Pennsylvania and upon coming to Ohio they established their residence in Salisbury Township, Meigs County. There John Gorsuch and his brother David each obtained eighty acres of wild land, and there both developed well improved and productive farms, upon which both passed the remainder of their lives, as did also their respective wives. John Gorsuch and his wife each died prior to attaining to the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, and he eventually became the owner of a valuable landed estate of 320 acres in Meigs County. John and Rachel Gorsuch became the parents of seven sons and five daughters, and some of the number died in childhood. The subject of this review is now the only surviving son, and of his sisters three are living, all being married and having reared children.

Nicholas Gorsuch is indebted to the schools of his native county for his early educational training and his childhood and youth were compassed by the invigorating influences and discipline of the home farm, where he continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until 1885, when he removed with his family to Vinton County and rented a farm in Elk Township, where, in December, 1891, occurred the death of his first wife. Her maiden name was Sophia Graves and she was born and reared in Meigs County. She was forty-two years of age when she was summoned to the life eternal, and of her children the firstborn was William T., who died April 15, 1898, at the age of twenty-six years; John W., who is now engaged in the commission-milling business in the City of Joplin, Missouri, is married and has one son and one daughter; Perry V. is engaged in the dairy business at McArthur, Vinton County, Ohio, is married and has one son and one daughter; Ella M. is the wife of John D. Gill, who is engaged in the automobile business at McArthur, and they have two sons and one daughter; David H., who is married and has two daughters, is engaged in the grocery business at Nelsonville, Athens County; Arthur C. is associated with the dairy business of his brother Perry, at McArthur, and is still a bachelor; Carrie E. is the wife of Thomas J. Shipley, of McArthur, and they have no children; and Miss Emma likewise resides at McArthur; all of the children have received good educational advantages.

At McArthur, in the year 1886, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gorsuch to Miss Cora Perkins, who was born in Lawrence County, this State, on the 20th of July, 1864, and who is a daughter of Rev. George

Perkins, who is now living retired in his pleasant home at Oak Hill, Jackson County, where he celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday anniversary on the 17th of July, 1915. He served for many years as an itinerant clergyman of the United Brethren Church, and was one of its pioneer missionaries among the white settlers and the Indians in the State of Kansas, where he remained several years, his entire life having been one marked by consecrated zeal and devotion. In Adams County, Ohio, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Eliza B. Beasley who was there born and reared, and she passed to eternal rest on the 4th of March, 1897, at the age of sixty-one years and after having proved a devoted coajutor to her husband in his zealous Christian services, her gentle and kindly nature and unfailing sympathy having endeared her to all who came within the sphere of her gracious influence. Mrs. Gorsuch was the third in order of birth in a family of five children, and the firstborn was Hattie Z., who is the wife of A. D. Evans, of Oak Hill, Jackson County, their children being five in number; Henry E., who is identified with business interests at McArthur, Vinton County, is married and has a family of children; George, who maintains his residence at Clear Lake, Iowa, has three sons and one daughter; and Blanche S., who is the wife of Edward M. Derry, of Dickens, Iowa, has two sons and three daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch have had no children but in their present offices they have the fullest opportunity for the extending of parental love to the children placed in their charge. They resided for some time in the city of McArthur, where they still own their pleasant residence property, on Mulberry Street. Since 1903 Mr. Gorsuch has been associated with Rufus H. Wyman in the granite and marble monument business at McArthur, under the firm name of Wyman & Gorsuch, and concerning the enterprise more complete data are given on other pages, in the sketch of the career of Mr. Wyman. Mr. Gorsuch pays staunch allegiance to the democratic party and both he and his wife are zealous members of the Presbyterian Church.

William S. McClanahan. There are many points of more than passing interest in connection with the personal and ancestral history of this sterling and honored citizen of Vinton County, from which he went forth as a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war and within whose borders he has maintained his home since his boyhood days. He is a scion not only of one of the honored pioneer families of Ohio but also of one that was founded in America in the colonial era of our history, a number of his kinsmen of an early generation having been soldiers in the War of the Revolution. Mr. McClanahan owns and occupies the attractive old homestead farm that was long the place of

residence of his parents and that is eligibly situated in Swan Township. He has been a resourceful and successful exponent of agricultural industry in Vinton County and is a citizen whose character and civic status render it specially consistent to incorporate in this publication a brief review of his career.

The lineage of the McClanahan family traces back to staunch Scotch-Irish origin and the first representatives of the name in America settled in Maryland prior to the War of the Revolution. In Washington County, that state, Alexander McClanahan, the paternal grandfather of Lieutenant McClanahan of this review, was born in the year 1775, and there he was reared to manhood. In Maryland was solemnized his marriage to Miss Nancy Miller, and there were born their first three children,—David, Alexander, Jr., and Elizabeth, the last mentioned having been a small child at the time of the family immigration to Ohio. In company with other families the McClanahans made the long and onerous overland journey from Maryland to Ohio, utilizing teams and wagons for transportation and camping by night while enroute, the journey having been of several weeks' duration. Alexander McClanahan had intended to locate in Pickaway County, but the prevalence of malaria, or chills and fever, in that section led him to establish the family home in Perry County, where he procured Government land and reclaimed a farm from the wilderness, both he and his wife having passed the residue of their lives on this pioneer homestead, where he passed away in 1850, at the age of seventy-five years, his wife having died about two years previously. Three of his uncles, Alexander, Robert and John McClanahan, became settlers in Augusta County, Virginia, and Alexander and John became captains in the Continental forces in the War of the Revolution. They served in a regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis and took part in the battle at Mount Pleasant, in what is now West Virginia, this having been known as the first definite engagement of the great Revolutionary struggle. There the famous old Indian known as Cornstalk met his death in the fort established by the patriot soldiers. Capt. Alexander McClanahan continued his services as a gallant soldier during the entire period of the war for national independence, and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel of his regiment.

After Alexander McClanahan, grandfather of the subject of this review, established his home in Perry County, Ohio, ten more children were born to him, the entire roster of the family having thus included ten sons and three daughters. All of the children attained maturity, all married and reared children, except one, and all passed away when well advanced in years.

Alexander McClanahan, Jr., father of him whose name introduces

this article, was born in Washington County, Maryland, on the 28th of June, 1813, and was a youth at the time of the family immigration to Ohio, where he was reared to manhood under the conditions and influences of the old pioneer farmstead in Madison Township, Perry County. In 1837 he wedded Miss Nancy Davis, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, on the 25th of November, 1817, and who was a child at the time of her parents' removal to Perry County. She was a daughter of James and Catherine (Sinift) Davis, and her father was a native of Loudoun County, Virginia. James Davis, a scion of sturdy Welsh ancestry, was reared to manhood in the historic Old Dominion and as a young man he came to Ohio and became a resident of Fairfield County. There he married Catherine Sinift, who was of German parentage, and a few years later they removed to Perry County, where the devoted wife and mother died many years later. Mr. Davis finally removed to Hocking County and there he died when seventy years of age. Alexander McClanahan, Sr., and his family held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he was an old-line whig. James Davis, maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a member of the Lutheran Church, of which his wife also was a devout communicant.

After their marriage Alexander McClanahan, Jr., and his wife continued their residence in Perry County until 1851, when they removed with their four children, William S., Catherine J., Matilda and Mary, to Vinton County and established their home on a partially improved farm in Elk Township, where was born their daughter Harriet E., and where they continued to reside until 1856, when they removed to Swan Township and established themselves on the fine old homestead farm now owned by their son William S., of this review, who is here giving his time and attention to successful operations as an agriculturist and stock-grower. Of the other children it may be noted that Catherine J. is married and resides in the State of Minnesota; Matilda is the widow of Dr. A. W. Schuck and maintains her home in Minnesota; Mary is the wife of Erastus Fautch and they now reside in California; and Harriet E., who became the wife of Dr. E. P. Frampton, was a resident of New Plymouth, Vinton County, at the time of her death, in 1901, her husband having passed away in 1897. Alexander McClanahan, Jr., continued his activities as a farmer in Swan Township until 1889, when he and his wife established a home in the Village of New Plymouth, Vinton County, where Mrs. McClanahan was summoned to eternal rest on the 12th of June, 1891, and where her husband lived virtually retired until his death, which occurred on the 6th of January, 1896. In Perry County they held membership in the Lutheran Church but after removal to Vinton County they became earnest members of the Presbyterian Church,

both having lived righteous and altogether worthy lives and both having commanded the high regard of all who knew them. In politics Mr. McClanahan was aligned with the whig party until the organization of the republican party, when he transferred his allegiance to the latter, its principles thereafter enlisting his support during the remainder of his life.

William S. McClanahan, the eldest of the family of five children, was born on the old homestead in Madison Township, Perry County, Ohio, on the 25th of July, 1838, and thus he was about thirteen years old at the time of the family removal to Vinton County, where he was reared to maturity and availed himself of the advantages of the common schools of the period. He has never severed his allegiance to the basic industry of agriculture and has long continued one of its energetic and successful representatives in Swan Township, where he owns and resides upon the fine old homestead farm of 160 acres, devoted to diversified agriculture and the raising of excellent grades of live stock. The farm is eligibly situated in section 20 and its improvements are of substantial order, making it one of the attractive and valuable farms of the county, this place having been the home of Mr. McClanahan since 1856, so that he is now one of the most venerable of the pioneer citizens still remaining in Swan Township. He has been one of the loyal and public-spirited citizens of Vinton County during the long years marked by earnest and worthy achievement on his part, and he is known and honored for his sterling character and his earnest efforts to be of use to the community.

When the cloud of civil war cast its shadow over the nation Mr. McClanahan was among the sturdy young men of Ohio who promptly tendered their services in defense of the Union. On the 19th of April, 1861, in response to the first call of President Lincoln, he enlisted as a private in Company D, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he proceeded to West Virginia, where he continued in service until the expiration of his three months' term of enlistment. He then returned home, but on the 25th of March, 1862, he again manifested his patriotic ardor, by re-enlisting in a company that was organized in Ohio but that became a part of the Second Virginia Cavalry. With this gallant regiment he served for some time under command of General Cox, and his later service was in the commands of Generals Crook, Sheridan and Custer. In 1864 he and his comrades of the regiment re-enlisted as veterans, and he continued in service thereafter until victory had crowned the Union arms and the long and sanguinary struggle came to its end, his honorable discharge having been received on the 30th of June, 1865. As a soldier Mr. McClanahan made an admirable

record, and the same will reflect lasting honor upon his name. He took part in many important battles and minor engagements, including the battles of Cove Mountain and Lynchburg, Virginia, and in the various engagements of the historic Shenandoah Campaign. He was a participant in a fiercely contested battle at Moorefield, West Virginia, and was with General Sheridan's forces in the famous Battle of Winchester, on the 19th of September, 1864. Three days later he took part in the Battle of Fisher's Hill, Virginia, and on the 19th of October he was a participant in the engagement at Cedar Creek. His regiment then went with General Sheridan down through Central Virginia, but prior to this he had been in the command of General Custer when that gallant officer administered most severe defeat to the forces of General Early. Mr. McClanahan was one of the valiant soldiers who aided in destroying the Confederate influence along the course of the James River, and he took part in the Battle of Five Forks, Virginia, on the 30th of March, 1865. He was of the Union forces that dislodged the Confederate at Sailor's Creek and who took part in the spirited fight at Appomattox Station, Virginia, on the 8th of April, 1865, the surrender of General Lee having occurred the following day, and the regiment of Mr. McClanahan having thus been at the time very near the scene of the great surrender. In November, 1860, he was commissioned second lieutenant, and he continued the able and zealous incumbent of this office until he received his honorable discharge. In recognition of his gallant and meritorious service he receives from the Government a pension.

In the "piping times of peace" Mr. Clanahan has shown the same patriotism and loyalty that prompted him to go forth in defense of the nation's integrity in the Civil war, and though he has not sought to identify himself with the activities of practical politics he has given unfaltering allegiance to the republican party and for twenty-one years served in the office of township clerk, with deep interest in all that touches the material and civic welfare of his home community and county.

In Swan Township, on the 14th of January, 1864, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Clanahan to Miss Rachel Reed, who was born in Perry County, this state, on the 30th of July, 1838, her future husband having been born on the 25th of the same month and year, and their devoted companionship having continued for more than half a century, so that they are passing the gracious evening of their lives under conditions that make for serene peace and happiness. Mrs. McClanahan is a daughter of John and Eleanor (Iliff) Reed, both of whom were born and reared in Ohio, where the respective families settled in the early pioneer days. Mr. Reed was a prosperous farmer in Perry County at the time of his

death, on the 2d of June, 1842, and his widow removed with her children to Swan Township, Vinton County, when Mrs. McClanahan was a girl of fifteen years. Mrs. Reed here passed the residue of her life, which was prolonged somewhat beyond the psalmist's span of three score years and ten, and she was a devout member of the Baptist Church.

Ida, the only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. McClanahan, was born on the 25th of May, 1865, and she and her husband remain with her parents on the home farm. She is the wife of Edward E. Hunter, who was born in Vinton County, on the 27th of February, 1858, and who since his marriage has had the general supervision of the farm of his father-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have no children.

John H. Howell. Numbered among the prosperous and representative business men of the thriving little City of McArthur, Vinton County, Mr. Howell here has a large and well equipped establishment in which he handles general lines of merchandise, each department being admirable in its appointments and service and the business being one of extended and important order, the trade being substantially based on fair and honorable dealings and effective service, the while the personal popularity of the owner constitutes a distinct commercial asset. The business now controlled by Mr. Howell was established in 1901, by the firm of Perkins & Howell, of which he was the junior member. After an interval of five years Mr. Howell purchased the interest of his partner and he has since conducted the enterprise in an individual way, his progressive policies and careful business methods having been the dominating forces in the development of a large and substantial trade. His store is 26x125 feet in dimensions, and he is known as one of the enterprising business men and liberal and loyal citizens of his native county, where his circle of friends is virtually limited only by that of his acquaintances.

On the homestead farm of his father, in Elk Township, Vinton County, Ohio, John H. Howell was born on the 15th of August, 1868, and the period of his childhood and early youth found him compassed by the influences and discipline of the farm, the while he made good use of the advantages afforded in the public schools of the locality and thus waxed strong both in mental and physical powers. Mr. Howell was, however, entirely without business experience when he established his residence at McArthur, the county seat, and became associated with Mr. Perkins in the general merchandise business. He had never previously sold a cent's worth of merchandise, but his alert mentality and excellent judgment enabled him to acquire and rapidly assimilate knowledge of merchandising and to gain place as one of the reliable and representa-

tive young business men of McArthur, his energy and progressiveness having never faltered and having resulted in his upbuilding of his present substantial and important business, to the management of which he gives the closest and most punctilious attention.

In politics, though never desirous of or an incumbent of public office, Mr. Howell accords staunch allegiance to the republican party, and as a citizen he takes loyal interest in all that touches the general welfare of the community. He is quiet and unostentatious in his bearing, genial and considerate in his association with others, always ready to lend a helping hand to those in affliction, and finding in his home his chief interests and greatest happiness. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for the past decade he has been a member of the board of trustees of the church of this denomination at McArthur, besides having given effective service also in the position of class-leader.

Mr. Howell is a son of Joseph and Louisa (Wescott) Howell, both likewise natives of Ohio and both representatives of old and sterling families of this favored commonwealth. The marriage of the parents was solemnized in Vinton County and here they began their wedded life on one of the excellent farms of Elk Township, where Joseph Howell still maintains his home and hold prestige as one of the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of the county. Mrs. Louisa (Wescott) Howell died at the birth of her youngest child, John H., of this review, and the father later wedded Miss Sarah L. Wescott, the children of the second union having been one son and five daughters, all of whom are living except one of the daughters. Joseph Howell and his wife are well known citizens of Vinton County and their pleasant rural home is known for its generous hospitality. Of the children of the first marriage the subject of this sketch is the youngest of the three surviving the mother. Sabert L. is a successful farmer of Vinton County and is still a bachelor. Joseph N., who is engaged in the barber business at Nelsonville, Perry County, is married and has one son.

In Elk Township, Vinton County, the year 1889 gave record of the marriage of John H. Howell to Miss Addah B. Crow, who was born and reared in the same neighborhood as was her husband, the date of her nativity having been December 9, 1870. She is a daughter of George and Julia (Bowen) Crow, both of whom were born and reared in Morgan County, Ohio, where their marriage was solemnized. They finally established their home on a farm in Elk Township, Vinton County, and they now reside in McArthur, where Mr. Crow is living retired, after long years of earnest and productive endeavor. He is eighty-six years of age and his wife is eighty, and the venerable couple have a wide circle of

friends in the county that has so long represented their home. Both are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Crow has been unfaltering in his allegiance to the republican party.

In conclusion is given brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Howell: Mabel is the wife of Alfred E. Livingston and they maintain their residence at Washington, District of Columbia, where Mr. Livingston is identified with the Government laboratory service. They have no children. Mr. Livingston was graduated at Ohio University, at Athens, Ohio, and at Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York, and his wife was graduated in Ohio University, at Athens, as a member of the class of 1910, she having been principal of the public schools at Jacksonville, Athens County, prior to her marriage. Joseph L. was graduated in the McArthur High School and has for a number of years been a clerk in his father's mercantile establishment. He wedded Miss Blanche Martin, of McArthur, and they have two children, Maxwell and Addah J. Gladys M., who remains at the parental home, was graduated in the McArthur High School and also completed an effective course in domestic science. George W. is a member of the class of 1918 in the local high school, and John, Jr., is at his parents' home.

William H. McCurdy. The Village of Wheelersburg, Scioto County, claims as one of its substantial business men and progressive citizens the popular merchant whose name introduces this paragraph, who is here engaged in the general merchandise business and who served nearly seventeen years as postmaster of the village, his retirement, as a republican incumbent, having been entailed by the change in national administration incidental to the election of 1912. A native of Scioto County, Mr. McCurdy has never failed in his allegiance to the county, which has ever represented his home and in which his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances.

William H. McCurdy was born in the Village of Scioto, this county, on the 19th of October, 1865, and is a son of William H. and Amanda (Wheeler) McCurdy, the former of Irish and the latter of English lineage, though both families were founded in America generations ago. William H. McCurdy, Sr., was a venerable and honored pioneer citizen of Scioto County and his death occurred at Wheelersburg December 3, 1914. During his active career he was prominently identified with business and industrial interests in the county as a merchant and as a contractor in the building of roads and bridges. He has been long identified with the Masonic fraternity and was one of the early members of the lodge at Scioto. His devoted wife passed to the life eternal in 1903 and of their five children four are living, William H., of this

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review, being the eldest; Harry E. resides at Portsmouth; Robert F. is engaged in the undertaking business at Wheelersburg; Minnie A. is the widow of Dr. Claude B. Maddox, who died in Seattle, Washington, where his widow still maintains her home.

William H. McCurdy acquired his rudimentary education in the public schools of his native village and was a lad of fifteen years at the time of the family removal to Wheelersburg, where he completed the curriculum of the village schools, including the high school, and then put his scholastic attainments to practical test and utilization by engaging in teaching in a district school. His identification with the pedagogic profession continued only one year, however, and thereafter he passed nearly three years in association with his father's mercantile and contracting business. The basic industry of agriculture thereafter held his time and attention for six years, and in March, 1895, he established a general store at Wheelersburg, where he has built up and continued to control a large and prosperous business, based alike upon effective service, fair and honorable dealings and his own popularity in his native county. In April, 1897, Mr. McCurdy was appointed postmaster at Wheelersburg, and through successive reappointments he retained this position until 1914, when regnancy of the democratic party brought about his retirement, he having long been a most zealous supporter of the cause of the republican party, his allegiance to which has not faltered from the time he attained to his legal majority and the incidental right of franchise. His general store is the most modern and finest building in Wheelersburg and is well equipped in all departments.

Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy hold membership in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church in the City of Portsmouth and he is affiliated with Western Sun Lodge No. 91, Free and Accepted Masons, in Wheelersburg.

The 28th of November, 1888, bore record of the marriage of Mr. McCurdy to Miss Clare C. Feurt, daughter of Daniel H. and Caroline (McNeal) Feurt, both of whom were born near Ironton, Lawrence County, this state. Mr. Feurt died April 1, 1915, and his wife now maintains her home on their fine farm in Scioto County. Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy have three daughters: Enola M. is the wife of Henry B. Searl of Huntington, West Virginia, and Clearmont, Florida; Carol A., who was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University in the City of Delaware, is a successful and popular teacher of Latin and German in the Lanark High School, Illinois; and Claudia B. is a member of the class of 1916 in the high school of her home village.

H. Sawyer James, M. D. The character, professional ability and effective services of Doctor James fully entitle him to designation as one

of the representative physicians and surgeons of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and though his precedence as a member of his profession was won in West Virginia, where he remained fully twenty years, he is now engaged in practice at McArthur, the judicial center of his native County of Vinton, where he initiated his professional endeavors on the 6th of November, 1914, and where his ability and personal popularity have been the forces that have conspired to the upbuilding of his substantial and representative general practice.

Doctor James was born in Brown Township, Vinton County, Ohio, on the 1st of April, 1868, and is a son of Richard T. and Eliza (McFarland) James, the former of whom was born in West Virginia and the latter in Ohio, their marriage having been solemnized in Morgan County, Ohio. About 1840 Richard T. James established his residence in Vinton County, where he purchased a tract of land and developed one of the valuable farms of Brown Township. He reclaimed much of his farm from the forest and was a man whose steadfast purpose and sterling integrity made him well worthy of the unqualified esteem in which he was held. He was born in the year 1813 and continued to reside on his old homestead farm until his death, at the age of seventy-four years. He was one of the honored and influential citizens of Vinton County, was a stalwart in the camp of the republican party, and he was called upon to serve in various local offices of public trust, including that of township trustee, of which he was the incumbent for a number of years. His wife survived him by several years and was seventy-six years of age when she was summoned to the life eternal, both having been earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They became the parents of nine children, all of whom attained to years of maturity with the exception of one, and of the number, four are now living.

Dr. H. Sawyer James, who is the youngest of the nine children, passed the period of his childhood and early youth on the homestead farm which was the place of his nativity, and while early lending his aid in the work of the farm he also made good use of the advantages afforded in the local schools, through the medium of which he prepared himself for college. He was a student in Ohio University, at Athens, for some time, though he did not complete the full academic course, and in initiating his independent career he became a representative of the pedagogic profession, in which he was a successful teacher in the schools of Southern Ohio. In the meanwhile he began reading medicine under the effective preceptorship of Dr. John W. Johnson, of Nelsonville, Athens County, and finally he entered Starling Medical College, in the City of Columbus. In this institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1890, and after thus receiving his degree of Doctor of Medi-

cine he went to West Virginia and established himself in practice at Malden, Kanawha County, not far distant from the City of Charleston. There he held the position of physician and surgeon for the Campbell Creek Coal Company for the long period of seventeen years, the while his private practice also became one of substantial and successful order, so that he was known as one of the leading physicians of that section at the time when he returned to Ohio and engaged in practice at New Plymouth, Vinton County. Three years later he returned to West Virginia and became assistant surgeon of Mount Hope Hospital, at Huntington, where he continued his service in this capacity for one year and had the opportunity of further fortifying himself in clinical surgery. At the expiration of this period Doctor James returned again to his native county, in the autumn of 1914, and established himself in general practice at McArthur, the county seat, as has previously been noted in this context. He is a close and appreciative student and keeps in touch with the advances made in both medical and surgical science, so that he is enabled to bring to bear in his practice the most approved methods and remedial agencies, his unequivocal success affording the best voucher for his technical ability and being indicative also of his strong hold upon popular confidence and good will. He is a member of the American Medical Association and during the period of his residence in West Virginia he was actively affiliated with the Kanawha County Medical Society and the West Virginia State Medical Society. He is now an active member of the Vinton County Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Society, the while he finds much satisfaction in making his native county and state the field of his earnest endeavors in his exacting profession. The doctor's political allegiance is given to the republican party and both he and his wife attend and support the Christian Church in their home city.

On the 17th of July, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Doctor James to Miss Mayme Davis, of Athens County, Ohio, where she was born on the 27th of March, 1869, the youngest in a family of three children. Mrs. James is a daughter of Edwin and Cynthia (Cook) Davis, both of whom were born and reared in Vermont, where their marriage was solemnized. The Davis family was founded in New England in the colonial period of our national history and representatives of the same were patriot soldiers of the Continental Line in the War of the Revolution, so that Mrs. James is eligible for membership in the society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Within a comparatively short period after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davis immigrated from the old Green Mountain State to Ohio and settled in Athens County. Mr. Davis purchased land in Green Township, where he reclaimed and

developed a productive farm, this homestead having continued to be his place of abode until his death, at the age of sixty years, and his widow having been somewhat more than eighty years of age when she too was summoned to the "land of the leal." Both were devout and active members of the Christian Church, in which Mr. Davis served as elder for many years, and in politics he was a radical republican,—one influential in local affairs of a public order. Doctor and Mrs. James have no children.

Otto H. Schweickart. Among the contractors and builders of Ironton who have contributed materially to the upbuilding and development of this prosperous community of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, none are held in higher regard than Otto H. Schweickart. Although still a young man, his accomplishments have been such as to place him in a substantial position among the members of his calling, and as a public-spirited citizen he has always had the interests of his city at heart. Mr. Schweickart was born at Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio, January 7, 1884, and is a son of Frederick and Louisa (Fridley) Schweickart. His father was born in Germany in 1833, and at the age of twenty-five years emigrated to the United States and settled at Ironton, where he subsequently became a prominent contractor and builder. He also took an active interest in the educational, religious and civic affairs of the city, and for a number of years was a member of the Hospital Board of Ironton. His death occurred in 1907. Mrs. Schweickart, who survives her husband and resides at Ironton, was born near Ripley, Brown County, Ohio, in 1838. There were nine children in the family, as follows: George, Lena, Charles, Margaret, William L., Albert, Frank, Amelia and Otto H.

Otto H. Schweickart was given ordinary educational advantages in his youth, attending the Ironton public schools and proving a close and attentive student. At the age of fourteen years, under the teaching of his father, he started to learn the trade of carpenter, and after mastering his vocation worked thereat until 1911. At that time he embarked in the contracting and building business, and continued alone with some success for three years, but in 1914 formed a partnership with C. K. Turley, the firm now being known as The Diamond Lumber Company. The business has enjoyed a steady and healthy growth, and at this time the company own two plants, one at Ironton and the other at Russell, Kentucky, and the stock and buildings are valued in the neighborhood of $25,000. Mr. Schweickart is thoroughly familiar with every detail of his business and does all of his own architectural work, and numerous handsome business structures, churches, schools and residences stand as

monuments to his ability. He is greatly interested in all out-door sports and is a stockholder in the Ironton Athletic and Amusement Company, as well as in the South Side Theater Company, and also holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Schweickart owns his own residence. In political matters he is independent, preferring to use his own judgment in the selection of those men and measures which he believes will contribute to the welfare and advancement of the community and its people. Fraternally, he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and with Lawrence Lodge No. 198 Free and Accepted Masons. With his family, he attends the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Schweickart was married at Ironton, September 6, 1907, to Miss Kathryn Winifred Roberts, daughter of George H. Roberts, a carpenter of this city. Mrs. Schweickart is a lady of education and refinement and for several years was a public school teacher. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schweickart: Otto Robert and Kathryn Louisa.

Jacob H. Milhon. Both Mr. Milhon and his wife are representatives of old and honored families that were early settled in the Buckeye State and the names of which have been worthily linked with the annals of American history since the Colonial days, Mrs. Milhon being, through both paternal and maternal ancestral lines eligible for membership in the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and on the distaff side being a lineal descendant of Elder Brewster, an historic character and Pilgrim clergyman who came to America on the time-renowned ship "Mayflower." The fine farmstead home of Mr. and Mrs. Milhon is eligibly situated one mile north of the attractive little City of McArthur, the judicial center of Vinton County, and is known for its generous and gracious hospitality, while the family is one of distinctive popularity in the community and Mr. Milhon is recognized as one of the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of this favored section of his native state.

Jacob H. Milhon was born in Belmont County, Ohio, on the 16th of June, 1848, and is a son of Rev. James and Eliza (Larrick) Milhon, the former of whom was a native of Virginia and the latter of Belmont County, Ohio, where her parents settled upon their removal from Virginia. The Milhon family is of stanch German lineage and representative of the same settled in Virginia, the historic Old Dominion, prior to the war of the Revolution.

James Milhon was reared and educated in Virginia and at the age of twenty-one years he came to Ohio and became a resident of Belmont County. There he met and wedded Miss Eliza Larrick, a member of a

well known pioneer family, and in that county he engaged in farming, besides devoting his attention to teaching in the pioneer schools and to service as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he had become a devoted member prior to leaving his old home State of Virginia. In 1855 the family came to Vinton County and Mr. Milhon purchased a homestead of 160 acres, in Jackson Township. There he reclaimed a productive farm and eventually became the owner of a valuable landed estate of more than 300 acres. He long held prestige as one of the substantial agriculturists and honored and influential citizens of the county and when well advanced in years he and his wife removed to Elk Township, where they passed the closing period of their long and noble lives in the home of their son, Jacob H., subject of this review. The father died when somewhat more than eighty-six years of age, and the mother, a woman of gentle and gracious personality, passed to the life eternal at the age of eighty-three years, both she and her husband having been Christian folk of consecrated zeal and devotion and having labored earnestly for the aiding and uplifting of their fellow men. Mr. Milhon continued his earnest service as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church until virtually the close of his long and useful life, and it is altogether probable that no other clergyman in this section of the state officiated at so great a number of marriage and funeral services as did this honored pioneer. Of the six sons and one daughter Jacob H. is now the only one living, and of the other children the last of the number to pass away was Justus V., who is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter and they reside in the State of California. Joseph F., a nephew of Jacob H. Milhon, is a resident of Columbus and has a family of three children.

Jacob H. Milhon was a lad of about seven years at the time of the family removal to Vinton County, and he was here reared to maturity on the old homestead farm in Jackson Township, where he made good use of the advantages afforded in the common schools of the period and where he continued his active association with agricultural pursuits until 1898, when he removed with his family to Elk Township and purchased his present farm, which comprises 236 acres of most fertile and productice land, the greater part of which is under effective cultivation and devoted to the various products best suited to the soil and climate. He also raises excellent grades of cattle, sheep, horses and swine, and is known as one of the energetic and progressive farmers and substantial citizens of the county that has long been his place of residence. On his farm he erected the present attractive and modern house of eight rooms, and the other buildings on the place are of excellent order—thrift and prosperity being everywhere in distinct evidence. Mr. Milhon has had no desire for the

honors or emoluments of public office but is essentially loyal as a citizen and is aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the Republican party. He and his wife and daughter are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at McArthur and he has served as a trustee of the same. Though, as previously stated, he has had no predilection for political preferment, Mr. Milhon has consented to serve in various local offices of public trust, including that of township trustee, and thus has subordinated personal desires to civic loyalty.

In Jackson Township, Vinton County, the year 1872 recorded the marriage of Mr. Milhon to Miss Roxana Pettit, who was born in Morgan County, this state, on the 18th of June, 1853, and who was a young woman at the time of the family removal to Vinton County, where her parents settled on a farm in Jackson Township. She is a daughter of John and Amanda (Brewster) Pettit. John Pettit was a native of Ohio and was a son of Samuel and Margaret (Sniff) Pettit, who came from New Jersey and numbered themselves among the pioneers of Morgan County, where the father obtained government land and developed a farm from the forest wilds. He was killed in an accident incidental to a house-raising and was in the prime of life at the time of his death, his widow surviving him by many years.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. John Pettit continued their residence in Morgan County until after the birth of all their children, and they then, in April, 1865, removed to Vinton County and established their home on a farm in Jackson Township, where Mr. Pettit died in 1887, after having passed the age of three score years and ten. His widow survived him by more than a decade and passed the closing period of her life in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Milhon, wife of the subject of this review, where she died in 1899, at a venerable age, both she and her husband having been zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he having been a republican in politics from the time of the Civil war until his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Milhon became the parents of three children: Leonette, who remains at the parental home, has been for a score of years an earnest, successful and popular teacher in the schools of Vinton County, but has recently resigned to a large extent her labors in the pedagogic profession. Clarence V. died at the age of eighteen months. Herman C. is a locomotive engineer in the employ of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company and has served in this capacity for the past fifteen years, his original work as a railroad man having been in the service of the Hocking Valley Railroad. He is a bachelor and maintains his residence at Elmwood Place, a suburb of the City of Cincinnati.

HENRY W. EARNHEART. Of the worthy and successful exponents of the agricultural interests of the Hanging Rock Iron Region Mr. Earnheart is a prominent and popular representative in Vinton County, where his well improved farm of 120 acres is eligibly situated in section 20, Swan Township, the place being devoted to diversified agriculture and the raising of high-grade live stock, and the general air of thrift and prosperity giving evidence of the energy, enterprise and progressiveness of the owner. The farm buildings are of excellent order, including an attractive residence of seven rooms, and all of these permanent improvements have been made by Mr. Earnheart himself.

On the old homestead which he now owns and occupies Mr. Earnheart was born on the 22d of June, 1853, the place of his nativity having been an humble log house of the early pioneer type. Here he was reared to manhood, here he early gained familiarity with and enduring respect for honest toil and endeavor, and here he has continued his well ordered activities as a farmer and stock-grower since the initiation of his independent career. Steadfast rectitude has characterized his course in all of the varied relations of life, and he has the unqualified confidence and high regard of the people of his native county.

Mr. Earnheart is a son of Jacob and Melinda (Bevington) Earnheart. His father was born in Pennsylvania, in 1790, a representative of one of the staunch old German pioneer families of the Keystone State, and there he was reared to manhood. He had not yet attained to his legal majority at the time of the war of 1812, but he showed his youthful patriotism by prompt enlistment in a Pennsylvania regiment, with which he rendered effective service during this second conflict with England. He became one of the pioneer settlers of Vinton County, Ohio, where he purchased a tract of wild land in Swan Township and instituted the arduous task of reclaiming it to cultivation. Later he added to his landed estate, and the farm now owned by his son Henry W., subject of this review, was indebted to him for its reclamation and early improvement. Here this sterling pioneer continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1859. His first wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Kaylor, died when about sixty years of age and left no children. He later wedded Miss Melinda Bevington, and she survived him by many years, her death having occurred October 10, 1888, at which time she was seventy-five years of age. Both were earnest and consistent members of the United Brethren Church, and in politics he gave his allegiance to the democratic party. The only child of the second marriage of Jacob Earnheart is he to whom this sketch is dedicated.

Henry W. Earnheart was reared under the conditions and influences of what may be termed the middle-pioneer epoch in the history of Vin-

ton County, where his early educational advantages were those afforded in the common schools and where he began to assist in the work of the home farm when he was a mere boy. As the only child of his father he naturally inherited the old homestead farm, and it may well be understood that the same is endeared to him by many gracious and hallowed memories and associations. He takes a loyal interest in all that concerns the welfare and progress of his native county and is one of its substantial and honored citizens. His political support is given to the republican party and his wife holds membership in the Methodist Church.

On the 29th of May, 1880, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Earnheart to Miss Eliza Hass, who was born in Swan Township, Vinton County, on the 20th of March, 1863, and who has proved a devoted wife and mother, a true helpmeet to her husband. She is a daughter of Abraham and Lamson (Steele) Hass, the former of whom likewise was born in Swan Township, where his father, Jacob Hass, was one of the first settlers. Jacob Hass came to Vinton County when a young man and here he wedded Miss Catharine Schriner, both of these revered pioneer citizens passing the remainder of their lives in this county and both having been devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Abraham Hass and his wife passed their entire lives in Vinton County, where he was long one of the active representatives of farm industry in Swan Township. He died at the age of sixty-two years and his widow passed away when the same age. Mr. and Mrs. Earnheart became the parents of three children: Nancy J., who was born in the year 1881, attended the local schools and also developed her talent as a musician. She is now the wife of Edward Phillips, a prosperous farmer of Jackson Township, Vinton County, and they have two daughters—Mary E. and Edith Maude. Jacob Blane Earnheart died on the 11th of January, 1893, at the age of eight years. Fletcher McKinley Earnheart, the younger son, was born September 30, 1894, was afforded the advantages of the public schools of his native township and is associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm.

William J. Ward. Even as the kindly products of the soil must ever figure as the stable basis of material prosperity, even so must special importance attach to those agencies which make possible the handling and manufacturing of agricultural products, particularly grain. This, the thriving little City of McArthur, Vinton County, is signally favored in having as one of its leading industrial enterprises that represented in the substantial and fine equipped McArthur Mills, which have the best of facilities for the manufacturing of flour and other grain products of the best modern standard, and of these mills William J. Ward, a native

son of this city, has the active supervision and management. He is senior member of the operating firm of Gilman & Ward, in which his coadjutor is George H. Gilman, who maintains his residence in the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is a master car-builder in the service of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

In 1896 Mr. Ward became one of the interested principals in control of the McArthur Mills, by purchasing the interest of William D. Gold, and since that time he has had the entire charge of the mills, the while he has gained accurate knowledge of all details of operation and has had thirty years' experience in the milling business in the Buckeye State. The fine mills are comprised in a substantial brick structure that is 45 by 73 feet in lateral dimensions and that is three stories in height, besides having a basement that is likewise fully utilized. Operative power is supplied by natural gas engines, and it is specially pleasing to note that the gas utilized is obtained from the Ohio Fuel Supply Company. The grain supply sources are of the best, and the products find a ready market.

The mechanical equipment and other facilities of the McArthur Mills are of the most approved modern type, there being a full complement of four sets of double rolls and also a modern machine for the grinding of corn into corn meal. Storage facilities are such that Mr. Ward is able to keep on hand at all times an adequate supply of grain, and his progressive policies and careful management have made the enterprise remarkably successful as a valuable contribution to the industrial prestige of Vinton County and its judicial center.

William Judson Ward was born at McArthur, his present place of residence, and the date of his nativity was November 8, 1854, his early educational advantages having been those afforded in the public schools of the fine little city in which he is now a representative business man. He is a son of Benjamin and Samantha (Pilcher) Ward, both of whom were born in Vinton County, Ohio, the old homestead of her parents, who were sterling pioneers of the county, having been that which now constitutes the county infirmary farm. The marriage of the parents of Mr. Ward was solemnized in Vinton County, and though for ten years they resided in Knox County, Illinois, the major part of their lives was passed in Vinton County, where the father died in 1857, at which time he was in the prime of life. His wife long survived him and passed to the life eternal on the eighty-second anniversary of her birth, she having been a devoted member of the Christian Church for many years prior to her death. Of the children the first born were twins, Robert and James, the former having died in the West and little being known by his kinsfolk concerning his life in later years. James was a resident of Cincinnati

at the time of his death and was survived by his wife and a number of children. Columbus P. was nearly seventy-eight years of age at the time of his death, in 1915, and is survived by one child, Amanda, who has sons and daughters, is a resident of McArthur and is the widow of Captain Alexander Pearce who was a valiant soldier and officer in the Eighteenth Ohio Regiment during the Civil war. The subject of this sketch was the youngest of the children and was about three years of age at the time of his father's death.

In politics Mr. Ward maintains an independent attitude and gives his support to the men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment, without being constrained by partisan dictates. Though he is essentially a business man and has had no ambition for political office, he is liberal and progressive as a citizen and he consented to serve one term in the office of township clerk. He is affiliated with the local lodge and chapter of the Masonic fraternity and is past master of the former, both he and his wife being active and valued members of the Christian Church of McArthur.

In his native city was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ward to Miss Eliza T. Gilman, June 29, 1879, who was born at this place in 1857 and who is a daughter of Oscar W. and Mary (Lantz) Gilman. Her father was for many years one of the best known and most honored and influential citizens of McArthur, where he continued to reside until his death, somewhat more than a decade ago, his wife surviving him by several years. Oscar W. Gilman was born at Messena, New York, September 7, 1830 and as a young man he learned the trade of millwright in Buffalo and built his first grist mill at Erie, Pennsylvania, after which he made three trips to California in the interest of milling parties. He came to Vinton County, Ohio, to superintend the building and equipping of the original flour mill at McArthur, the capital of which was furnished by Brown & Hewitt. This mill burned to the ground in May, 1896, and the present substantial brick mill was erected under his supervision in 1896. He eventually became one of the owners of the mill property. He continued to be actively identified with the operation of the mill until virtually the time of his death, and after he assumed control he had various partners, of whom the last was his son-in-law, Mr. Ward, the present manager of the business, his son being now the other interested principal in the firm of Gilman & Ward, as has been previously noted in this article.

Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ward the eldest was Charles Oscar, who died in the prime of his young manhood. Miss Edna May Ward still remains at the parental home and is a popular factor in the social

life of the community, she having been for a number of years employed in a clerical capacity in local mercantile establishments.

Charles W. Golden. Representing a pioneer family in the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio, Charles W. Golden has been identified with Lawrence County practically all his life, was for several years mayor of the City of Ironton and has a substantial business record as a merchant. Throughout his career he has manifested a high degree of public spirit toward all enterprises and movements for the improvement of his home city.

Charles W. Golden was born in Upper Township, Lawrence County, Ohio, October 1, 1870. His grandfather Marshall Golden was one of the very earliest settlers of Lawrence County. The father, whose name was Thomas Golden, was born in Upper Township in Lawrence County in 1835, and had a long and active career, his business being that of farmer, and in public affairs he was deputy probate judge of the county and for over twenty years a justice of the peace. Judge Golden married Mary Richardson, born at Ironton in 1838. Their five children were Lena E., Anna L., Ada P., Charles W. and Thomas N.

The early life of Charles W. Golden was spent on a farm, the country schools supplied his education up to eighteen, and then after two years of active work on the old homestead he went to work as helper in the Lamberts Foundry for a year and a half. The following six months were spent in the machine shops at Palestine, Texas, and on returning to Ohio he successfully followed the dairy business in Upper Township of Lawrence County for nine years. In 1904 Mr. Golden established a grocery business at Ironton, and now has one of the largest and best patronized establishments in the retail district.

On November 6, 1896, at Ironton Mr. Golden married Ida M. Abel, daughter of Jesse Abel, who was a nailer in the nail mills at Ironton. Mr. and Mrs. Golden are the parents of three children: Harold W., Ralph J., and Mary E. The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Golden connect him with a number of orders, including the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. His religious home is the First Baptist Church. Mr. Golden is a director in the Iron City Building & Loan Association. It was as a democrat in politics that he served in the city council and as mayor of the city from 1908 to 1912, but his public spirit has been entirely unpartisan, and his record as mayor was one that should make his name long remembered in Ironton. Under his leadership, among other important improvements, he secured a water filter plant for the city, having fought

for that improvement for fully seven years. Mr. Golden owns a comfortable residence of his own, and some business property in the city and a small acreage in Upper Township. He is a member of Lymes Creek Fishing Club and for a time belonged to Company I of the Seventh Ohio National Guard.

Homer P. Dunkle. After a man has spent thirty years in one occupation he deserves success in accordance with his ability. Homer P. Dunkle has been a general farmer in Vinton County for about that length of time, and the evidence of his ability is strongly featured in his fine and productive farm in Swan Township in the Siverly Creek District. He owns 120 acres in sections 18 and 19 on the road between Stella and Creola. He has owned that place for the last six years and it makes a delightful home for himself and family and also represents a good business proposition. Perhaps the chief feature of the farm is a gas well which has produced as high as 2,000,000 feet of gas a day.

Representing an old family of Vinton County, Homer P. Dunkle was born in Swan Township January 18, 1865. He was reared and educated here and ever since leaving school in early youth has identified himself with the vocation and occupation of a general farmer.

His parents were Benson and Mary (Foreman) Dunkle, both of whom were born in Vinton County and after their marriage started out housekeeping in Swan Township. The father died on his farm in the spring of 1912 at the age of eighty-one, and his widow is still living, aged seventy-five. She is an active member of the Christian Church, and Benson Dunkle was a republican.

The paternal grandfather was John Dunkle, a native of Pennsylvania who came into Vinton County in the early days. His second wife was a Miss Hill, and he had children by both marriages. He lived to be quite an old man, and in the early days he voted the whig ticket.

The maternal grandparents of Homer P. Dunkle were David and Elizabeth (Torrence) Foreman, both of whom were born in Guernsey County, Ohio, where they married but subsequently moved to Vinton County and Swan Township. David Foreman died when about sixty years of age. He was a man of considerable prominence in Vinton County and twice served as county treasurer, and was a very active democrat. His widow married after his death John Fee, and they spent their declining years in Elk Township where they died when quite old. Mrs. Foreman, or Mrs. Fee, as she was after her second marriage, was a great Bible student. In later years she went blind, but could quote from memory almost any chapter in the Scriptures.

Both Benson Dunkle and his wife were of large families of children,

and they themselves became the parents of eleven, as follows: Pearl, who is superintendent of the County Infirmary of Vinton County and has a son named Harry O., now married; Homer P.; John, who lives in Creola and is married and has one son and four daughters; Nancy is the wife of B. O. Newton of Jackson Township in Vinton County and has five daughters; David lives in Athens County and has one son and two daughters; Joseph lives in Lancaster, Ohio, and has two sons and one daughter; Estella is the wife of James George of Swan Township and has four sons and one daughter living; Cynthia is the wife of Elza King of McArthur, a contractor, and has three sons; Lena is the wife of Charles Crow of Carrol, Fairfield County; Harley is married and is a machine foreman living in Cleveland, Ohio, and has a son and daughter; George resides at Locust Grove in Vinton County and has one son and two daughters.

Homer P. Dunkle was married on the farm where he now resides to Miss Nancy E. Albin. She was born on the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Dunkle now reside June 23, 1863, grew up in that locality and for her education attended school in the Siverly District. Practically all her years have been spent in this one community and she has been a sustaining influence both in home, church and social affairs. Her parents were Samuel and Rebecca (Reed) Albin. Her father was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, August 8, 1830, and her mother in Perry County, Ohio, October 11, 1833. Samuel Albin came to Swan Township in Vinton County with his parents and his wife came in 1852 with her widowed mother. After the marriage of Samuel Albin and wife they located on the farm now owned by Mr. Dunkle, and Samuel Albin is still living there, tenderly cared for by his daughter Mrs. Dunkle. Though eighty-five years of age he is still smart and active, and enjoys life's pleasures and duties as much as many men years his junior. In the fall of 1915 he husked one hundred shocks of corn. He still reads without the aid of glasses. In politics he is a democrat, and he and his wife have both been active in the Methodist Church. Mrs. Albin died September 4, 1910, the mother of four children: Thomas, who lives near Stella in Vinton County; Ezra B., whose home is in Columbus and he has been twice married, having a son Carl by the first marriage; the third in age is Mrs. Dunkle; Cora A. is the wife of Columbus Dunkle of Logan, Ohio, and they have a daughter named Gladys.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunkle have three children. Otis A., born April 4, 1893, was graduated from the McArthur High School in 1913, completed a course in a business college at Lancaster, Ohio, and is now a successful teacher. Thomas L., born April 18, 1896, completed his education in the grade schools and in the McArthur High School with the class of 1915, and has already taken up teaching. Arthur A., born May 20, 1898, is

still a student and lives at home with his parents. Mrs. Dunkle and her two sons are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Locust Grove. Mr. Dunkle is a republican, and his sons have taken up the same political affiliations.

JOSEPH E. OWREY. One of the important interests of any thriving community is that which has to do with its plumbing and steam fitting work, and a worthy representative of this line of business at Ironton is found in the person of Joseph E. Owrey, who for nearly thirty years has been known to the citizens of this locality as a thorough-going, progressive and reliable plumber. Mr. Owrey, whose place of business is at No. 133 Adams Street, has established a reputation for good workmanship and fidelity to engagements, and has built up a good business alone and unaided. He was born at Wheeling, West Virginia, November 25, 1862, and is a son of Adam and Clara (Gibson) Owrey.

Adam Owrey was born at Newcastle, Pennsylvania, in 1831, there grew to manhood and became connected with the iron industry, and in 1863 came to Ironton and was made manager of the Belfont Iron Works, which important position he held for a period of more than forty-five years. He lived retired from active life for many years, having accumulated a handsome competence, and died March 29, 1915, in Ironton. Mrs. Owrey, who was born at Alleghany, Pennsylvania, died in 1881, and Mr. Owrey was married a second time to Miss Jennie Gibbons, who died in 1897. Mr. Owrey's third marriage was to Miss Katie Chatfield, who still survives. There were no children by the second or third unions, but by his first wife Mr. Owrey became the father of five children, namely: William, Ida, Charles, Joseph E. and Leah.

Joseph E. Owrey attended the public and high schools of Ironton, to which city he had been brought as an infant by his parents, and at the age of eighteen years completed his studies and began to learn the trade of plumber. After completing his apprenticeship he began to work as a journeyman and was thus employed until 1885, in which year he began business on his own account. He has built up a business estimated to be worth as much as $40,000 a year, and his work is to be found all over Ironton and into the surrounding county, in such buildings as the Central School Building, the Campbell School Building, the Spencer Church, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall at Ironton, the Cattlesburg School, and numerous of the leading residences in and outside of the city. Mr. Owrey accredits his success to his honest methods and his fair treatment of customers, which he deems his main assets in business. He carries a complete stock of fixtures and appurtenances for high-class work, and is thoroughly conversant with the most up-to-date methods.

In 1886 Mr. Owrey was married to Miss Ida Bartley, who died in 1896, having been the mother of four children: Ethel, who is now Mrs. Townsend of Anderson, Indiana; Jennie, who is single and lives in California; Adam, who is deceased; and Cyrus, residing at home. Mr. Owrey was married the second time to Miss Estella Bailey of Ironton, December 16, 1897, and they have five children: Norma, Leola, Ralph and Ernest and Ernestine, twins. Mr. and Mrs. Owrey and their children reside in their own pleasant home at Ironton and are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a republican in his views, but has not been a seeker after political office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business. However, he takes an interest in the welfare of his city and is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce. A lover of out-of-door sports, when he can get away for vacations he takes hunting and fishing trips, and is a frequent attendant at ball games, being an enthusiast in regard to the national game.

George R. Wrightsel. Now living in comfort and plenty at his rural home in Elk Township of Vinton County, George R. Wrightsel is one of the old and honored citizens of this section. His is a career with many interests. He has accomplished much in a lifetime of nearly seventy years, and his achievements are the more creditable for the fact that his early boyhood was spent largely among strangers and he has had to work out his own destiny.

He was born in Pickaway County, at what was known as Pickaway Plains about four miles southeast of Circleville, on June 24, 1846. He was next to the youngest of eight children whose parents were Henry and Polly (Reager) Wetzel. How the name became changed will be told a little later. Henry Wrightsel, the father, died February 10, 1848, when the son George was eighteen months old and when the youngest of the family, William H., was only five months old. Before he died the father called around him his children and prayed God's blessing to rest upon them. He told his wife that there was flour enough to last perhaps until April, after which the family would be in the world without shelter or food. At that time the country was new, and there were no relatives to aid this fatherless household. The mother soon saw that it would be impossible to keep her children together, and she found homes for the three oldest, Jacob being taken by William Dresbach, or, as his name was also spelled, Thricepaw, and he married Margaret Curts; the daughter Mary went to live with a family by the name of Hilters until she grew to womanhood. About fifty years ago she went West with a family by the name of Curts, and for over forty-five years there was no connection by letter or any other communication between her and other

members of the family. About a year ago Mr. Wrightsel received a letter from one of her daughters, who had only recently learned that she had any relatives living. This daughter informed Mr. Wrightsel that his sister Mary married a man by the name of Taylor, and died after becoming the mother of twin daughters. These twin daughters were cared for and reared by their father, and the one who wrote to Mr. Wrightsel married a man by the name of Dr. Celie, a physician and a man of considerable prominence and by this marriage there were two daughters, now young women. Another son, John, lived with a German family and died when about eighteen years of age, having been trained to speak the German as his own tongue. The two daughters, Hannah and Catherine, both died in infancy. The daughter, Margaret, after coming to Vinton County with her mother went back to Pickaway County where she married William C. Crites. She is now living at Circleville, Ohio, past eighty years of age and a widow. The youngest son, William Henry, is a carpenter at Zaleski in Vinton County, and by two marriages has a family of seventeen children.

It was due to the fact that the children were scattered and grew up in different homes and localities that the original family name was so much confounded and received so many different spellings. Some of the children took the form Ritzel, others retained the original spelling of Wetzel, while the subject of this sketch adopted the form Wrightsel.

One of the greatest names in the annals of American pioneer life was that of Lewis Wetzel, a brother to Jacob Wetzel, the latter being Mr. Wrightsel's grandfather. Lewis Wetzel was a Virginian, early became identified with the country west of the Alleghanies, particularly in Western Virginia and the Ohio Valley and was a pioneer, a leader among early settlers, a noted Indian fighter, and a remarkable character concerning whom many pages of story and history have been written. He was particularly identified with what is now the State of West Virginia, and one of the principal counties in that state is named Wetzel. The tradition is that Lewis Wetzel's father, John Wetzel, was killed by the Indians while he was exploring the country along the Mississippi River, and for that deed it is said that Lewis Wetzel swore vengeance and thereafter sought to kill every Indian he could as long as he lived. Jacob Wetzel, grandfather of George R. Wrightsel, was born in Virginia and was a pioneer settler in Pickaway County, Ohio. He established a home near Tarleton, and there reared a family of some half dozen sons and daughters. Somewhat later, while some of his children were still young, he went back to Virginia on a visit, and he was never heard of afterwards. The country was all wild, and it was difficult to communicate from one settlement to the other and consequently nothing has ever been learned as to his fate.

George R. Wrightsel grew up largely among strangers partly in Pickaway and partly in Vinton counties. He received only a common school education. For a time he lived with a Mr. William Sniff in Hocking County, and while there at the age of seventeen in 1863 he enlisted in Company G 151st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He went out as a private and did valiant service as a soldier of the Union for more than a year, until October, 1864. He was in several skirmishes and battles, and his commander was the noted General Sigel. Prior to his enlistment he had also been a volunteer militiaman in organizing to repel the invasion of General John Morgan from the state. When only sixteen years of age he volunteered to carry an important telegram from Star postoffice to Zaleski, the object of this dispatch being to warn all the residents of the locality and secure sufficient volunteers to head off and capture the Confederate marauder.

After the war Mr. Wrightsel attended school for a time in Lebanon, Ohio, and also a select school at New Plymouth. By hard work and much self-denial he acquired the equivalent of a liberal education, and for a time was a teacher. For several years he engaged in farming in Pickaway County, and subsequently removed to Vinton County, where his active career has been spent as a farmer.

Soon after coming to Vinton County Mr. Wrightsel met and married Miss Mary E. MaGee. She was born in Brown Township of Vinton County February 15, 1853, a daughter of Samuel MaGee, who was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1815, and when six years of age came to the United States with his parents, who located in Ohio as pioneer settlers, and spent the rest of their days in this state. Samuel MaGee married Celia Trout, who was born in Ohio of German ancestry. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. MaGee spent their careers on a farm in Vinton County, and both died there, the former at the age of eighty-four and the latter at sixty-five. They were members of the Presbyterian Church and in politics he was a democrat.

After his marriage Mr. Wrightsel started out as a farmer in Elk Township, and for nearly fifty years he has lived there a contented and prosperous agriculturist and a public spirited citizen. Later he settled on the old home of Samuel MaGee, and for a number of years he has owned that place. His home farm consists of 150 acres, and nearby he owns two other tracts, one of ninety-six acres and the other of forty acres. On one of these tracts he operates coal mines. He also owns over two hundred acres on Raccoon Creek in Brown Township, and in that locality his sons own about 300 acres. Thus in spite of the obvious disadvantages with which he began life he has accumulated more than an average share of prosperity ,and he has done all this on a basis of strictly honorable deal-

ing and a steadfast integrity. His success has been as a general farmer and stock raiser. His homestead is located on the main Pike road one mile north of McArthur.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wrightsel were born a family of ten children. Margaret A., born March 21, 1869, first married a Mr. Hawk, by whom she was the mother of two sons and one daughter; her second husband was Hiram Tilley, who died soon after their marriage; and she is now the wife of Doctor Lindley and lives in Hamilton, Missouri. Carrie F., born March 3, 1870, was killed by a train at Newark, Ohio, September 24, 1911; her first husband was Henry Dowd, who died leaving one child, May; and her second husband was Clarence Spicer. Nora, born December 7, 1871, is the wife of Walter Swain of McArthur, and their children are Bud, Lelia, Mary, Thomas and Joseph. Samuel W., born January 26, 1873, is a contractor who makes a specialty of the construction of pike roads and lives in Logan, Ohio; he married Alice Darby, and they have two children named Earl and Ada. Helena M., born March 30, 1875, is the wife of Harvey Stevens, a farmer in Elk Township, and their children are Carrie, Ruth, Harmon and Mary. Celia I., born September 19, 1877, died December 23, 1893. Bertha E., born May 31, 1881, is the wife of Thomas Dunkle, a railroad man living at Chillicothe, Ohio; their children are Robert and Margaret Elizabeth. George F., born March 21, 1884, is now living on a part of the old homestead farm; by his marriage to Florence Lantz, he has children named Gladys, Lantz, Paul, Martha and Geraldine. Goldie P., born October 11, 1885, is the wife of Ernest Sprague. Mary E., born July 10, 1889, is still unmarried and at home. Besides the large family of their own children Mr. and Mrs. Wrightsel have also been foster parents to two children: Sarah E. Forest, who was born July 28, 1903, and is now in the fifth grade of the public schools; and George L. Davis, who was born September 17, 1902, and is now in the fourth grade of the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Wrightsel have been regular attendants and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1868. His own parents were active in the United Brethren faith. In national politics he is a democrat and his sons have accepted the same political faith.

Jacob F. Scherer. A successful business man of Ironton, whose activities have been devoted to contracting in teaming, and dealing and operating in coal, is Jacob F. Scherer. From modest beginnings he has steadily advanced to a position of importance in his community, and as a lifelong resident of the city has taken a keen and helpful interest in its affairs, whether of a business or civic nature. Mr. Scherer was born at Ironton, September 15, 1865, and is a son of Michael and Constance

(Deitrict) Scherer. His father, born on Tiger Creek, Kentucky, in 1836, followed the trade of tinner throughout a long and industrious career, and died in 1892, while Mrs. Scherer was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1849, and passed away in 1913. They were the parents of seven children: William M., Ellen, Jacob F., Pauline, Henry J., Benjamin F. and Caroline M.

The early education of Jacob F. Scherer was secured in St. Joseph Parochial School, and at the age of twelve years he laid aside his books to learn the tinner's trade. At the time of his father's death, he and his mother and two brothers took over the management of the business, with which Jacob F. was connected until 1905, and in that year became identified with teaming as a contractor, in which line he has built up an excellent trade. He first became interested in the coal mining business about 1899, and in addition to being one of the leading dealers of Ironton is well known as a developer of coal lands, and owns forty-two acres of coal land in Upper Township, in addition to which he leases other property in the same vicinity. He also has 106 acres of improved farming land in Green Township, Scioto County, Ohio, and owns his residence at No. 638 South Sixth Street, and one-half interest in the business property at 40 Scott Avenue. In 1910 Mr. Scherer formed a partnership with Harry Mountain, but the business is still conducted under the name of J. F. Scherer. Mr. Scherer is a stockholder and director in the Miller Ice Cream Company, and a working member of the Chamber of Commerce. Primarily a business man, his large interests demand his almost exclusive attention, but he has not been indifferent to the needs of his city, and has always been ready to perform the duties of citizenship. He is a republican in his political views, and for four years served as central committeeman, although he has not been an office seeker. Mr. Scherer is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and of St. George's Society.

On March 15, 1883, Mr. Scherer was married to Miss Bridget A. Joyce, of Ironton, daughter of Thomas and Mary (McGinnis) Joyce. Eight children have been born to this union: Thomas M., who is deceased; Bertha M., who married Mathew Anderson, a pipe foreman for the United Gas and Fuel Company, of Huntington, West Virginia; Benjamin F.; William J., a tinner of Ironton, married Grace Justice; Pauline; Welby and Mald, twins, the latter of whom is deceased; and Albert C.

Rev. Patrick Henry. Distinguished by a long life and by years of devoted service in the cause of the church, Rev. Patrick Henry is one of the oldest natives of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and represents a family which has been identified with this section of Ohio more than a century. He became a minister of the Methodist Church more than forty

years ago, and has shown the qualities of the true leader and teacher. His success cannot be adequately measured by any figures, but it may be noted that during his active work he received an aggregate of several thousand people into the church. Mr. Henry is now retired from his pastoral duties and has the satisfaction of a long and useful retrospect and a serene confidence in the future. Throughout his career he has been a man of strong convictions, has stood resolutely by the articles of his belief, and before the war was opposed to slavery and subsequently has been equally ardent in his hostility to the rum traffic. Much of his work was done in the iron regions and at the various furnaces, and he has known personally many of the builders and operators of most of the furnaces in the Hanging Rock Iron Region.

Rev. Patrick Henry was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, September 7, 1836. He has an interesting and historic ancestry. His great-grandfather, John Henry, came from Ireland to America before the Revolutionary war, and during that struggle for independence enlisted three times in the colonial army. He was at the first great battle of Bunker Hill and in many other engagements. After the war he settled in Teays Valley, Virginia, about 1808. He was married in Ireland. A son of John Henry, the emigrant, was James Henry, grandfather of Rev. Patrick Henry and a cousin to Patrick Henry, the famous Virginia statesman. James Henry married Elizabeth Lee, a daughter of the Rev. John Lee, and a cousin to Gen. Robert E. Lee, the great leader of the Confederacy. Their marriage was celebrated September 28, 1809. Not long afterwards they moved out to Southern Ohio, and in Lawrence County their son, Brice Henry, father of Rev. Patrick Henry, was born March 9, 1815. Brice Henry was a farmer, sawmill owner and lumber dealer. He was a man of good business ability and useful as a citizen, though he had only a common school education. He was a member of the Baptist Church and in politics a whig and later a republican. Brice Henry married Jane Sloane, who was born in Virginia July 11, 1810, a daughter of John and Sarah Sloane. John Sloane was born in Virginia October 31, 1778, and his wife, Sarah Henry Sloane, was born in the same state September 13, 1780. The Sloane family came to Gallia County, Ohio, in 1811.

Rev. Patrick Henry grew up in Lawrence County, had a common school education, and has followed three distinct lines of work during his lifetime, first as a farmer, second as a contractor, and lastly, until his retirement, as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Reverend Henry joined the church in November, 1858, and on June 18, 1870, was licensed to exhort, was licensed as a local preacher June 7, 1873, and ordained a deacon September 30, 1877. He was ordained an elder Sep-

tember 25, 1881, and in 1889 joined the Ohio Conference as an active minister. At one time he was pastor of the Methodist Church at Hanging Rock, and at different times in his active career was pastor of churches at six of the iron furnaces of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, namely: Pine Grove, Laurence, Etna, Vesuvius, Hecla and Franklin.

Reverend Henry has been a lifelong republican, but never active in practical politics or a seeker for political honors. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. On November 5, 1857, he married Mahala Virginia Henry, a daughter of Isaiah and Adah Langdon Henry, who died August 13, 1898. After he became too feeble for active service in the ministry he lived in retirement at Ironton, Ohio, until February 12, 1915, when he was called by his Master to his reward in Heaven. The beautiful floral offerings and the large concourse of friends attending his funeral service attested the warm esteem in which he was held in all this Hanging Rock Iron Region. His body now lies buried beside his wife in beautiful "Woodland" at Ironton, Ohio.

Daniel P. Curry. Fully eighty-five years have passed since the Curry family made their first venture into the wilderness of what is now Vinton County, Ohio. Daniel P. Curry has himself lived a life in keeping with the traditions and honorable activities of his ancestors. While he has reached the psalmist's age of three score and ten, he is still considered among the progressive and active farmers of Jackson Township, and now lives in the house and on the farm where he was born August 31, 1846.

His ancestors were Virginia people. His great-grandfather was one of five brothers who emigrated from the North of Ireland and settled in America during the colonial period, the brothers taking up homes in different sections of colonies. The great-grandfather established his home in what is now Greenbrier County, West Virginia, six miles from Louisburg at or near Fort Springs. There he procured possession of some wild land, developed it, and a part of this property is still owned by a descendant, Samuel Curry, a cousin of Daniel P. Curry. There is an old family graveyard on the old homestead in that part of the present State of West Virginia, and many of the earlier members of the family sleep the last sleep there. Grandfather Oliver Curry spent all his life in Virginia, and died before the Civil war. His widow lived to be nearly a hundred years of age, and both are now buried in the old family plot already mentioned. They were born while the Revolutionary war was in progress, and the great-grandfather Curry participated in that war as a soldier. As a family the Currys have been identified with the Methodist Church, and in politics the men have been republicans. Oliver Curry and wife had a large family of children.

One of these was Andrew Curry, father of Daniel P. He was born October 7, 1807, and he and his brothers and sisters grew up in their native county of Western Virginia, and most of them married and had families of their own. The names of these children who grew up were Andrew, Thomas, Oliver, Jr., Samuel, Mary, Nancy, Rachel and Virginia. Three of them came to Vinton County, Ohio, and spent their last days there.

The pioneers of the family in Vinton County were Andrew and Thomas Curry. They were still young and unmarried when in 1829 they penetrated the wilderness and secured land in Jackson Township. This land their father Oliver had secured from the Government some time previously while Andrew Jackson was President of the United States. In this dense forest as it was then these young men set to work with hearty good will, and with axes felled the giants of the forest and cleared off a space for the cultivation of their limited crops. All around them was a great natural game preserve, and their table was supplied with venison, the meat of wild turkeys and other forest animals. They lived in a typical log cabin, and each of the brothers eventually developed a good farm. They both married in Vinton County. Thomas married Christina Hawk, and he spent the rest of his days on his farm, where he died when about forty-five years of age, survived by his widow.

Andrew Curry married Amy Horton, who was of a pioneer family of what is now Vinton County. She was born about 1808 and died about 1847. She was the mother of eight children, namely: Nathan; Henry; Homer; John M., who is married and living in Missouri; Thomas, Adaline, who is now Mrs. Bothwell of McArthur, and is eighty-two years of age; Eliza; Sarah.

After the death of his first wife Andrew Curry was married in Jackson Township to Amy McDougal, a cousin of his first wife. She was born in Vinton County in March, 1817, and was reared and educated there and died at the old homestead, where her son Daniel now lives, in December, 1909. She was then ninety-two years of age, and she was a remarkable woman in many ways, particularly in her physical vigor, and an illness of only about twenty minutes preceded her final dissolution. She and her husband were both devout Methodists, and her daily walk and actions were in keeping with her high religious faith. Her father was Richard McDougal, a pioneer in Southern Ohio, and both he and his wife died in the early '40s. They were among the pioneer Methodists, and their home was the headquarters for the Rev. Daniel Poe, the noted missionary among the Wyandotte Indians. Mrs. Andrew Curry's grandfather was George McDougal, who was born in Ulster, Ireland, and came to America in 1775. From 1776 to 1781 he served with Washington's army in

various campaigns and lived for a number of years after independence was won, and died at Lucasville, Ohio. His son Richard and two of the latter's brothers served in the War of 1812, and one of the brothers died in an English prison.

By his second marriage Andrew Curry became the father of five children: Mary E. married Leroy Lacy of Lancaster, Ohio, and she died in 1913 leaving children; the next is Daniel P.; Samuel, spent all his life in Jackson Township, and married Mary E. Galino of Ross County, and left three daughters; Julia died in Missouri when in middle life, unmarried; Harriet L. died in girlhood.

It was on the old homestead farm in Jackson Township that Daniel P. Curry spent the years of his early youth and manhood. He secured a substantial education and was still only a boy when he gave his services to the Union during the Civil war. For some years after the war Mr. Curry taught school. In 1877 he went west to Missouri, and became a traveling representative for a carriage company of Columbus, Ohio, making his headquarters at Kansas City. He lived for twenty years in that section of the country, and sold goods over several states. Then being in ill health he came to Ohio to join his aged mother, and has since occupied his time with the management of the farm and his other interests in Jackson Township. He is a first class farmer, and gives much of his attention to the raising of stock, particularly cattle and sheep. He owns seventy-five acres of his own and has a half interest in the hundred-acre homestead where he was born. Mr. Curry has never married.

He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and for many years after 1890 was active in the subordinate lodge at Hamilton, Missouri, filling the various chairs in the lodge and representing it in the Grand Lodge for two years in 1897-98 at St. Louis. He is an ardent republican, and was elected by his party to the office of infirmary director.

Mr. Curry served through two enlistments in the Civil war. His brother Nathan was a member of the Ninetieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and died of illness in 1863, and was buried at Louisville, Kentucky. Another brother, John M., was a member of the Eighteenth Ohio Volunteers and later of the 114th Regiment, and died January 11, 1916, at Ravenwood, Missouri. Another brother, Thomas, was in the Twelfth Ohio Cavalry for three years, fought in many battles, was never wounded or captured, but died about a year after the war ended. Mr. Curry is now an active member of Sergeant Reed Post, Grand Army of the Republic at McArthur.

Franklin C. Brownstead. One of the most important industries in the Hanging Rock Iron Region is the Ironton Portland Cement Company.

It is not only an industry of which Ironton is proud but is also one of great importance to the city in that it employs many men and gives the impetus to commercial prosperity which any large industrial concern always does. The general superintendent of this plant is Franklin C. Brownstead, who in the field of mechanics, general and electrical engineering, and almost every phase of machinery and industrial plant building, equipment and management, is regarded as an expert, and especial interest attaches to his career from the fact that he was born in one of the old iron centers of the Hanging Rock Region and has been identified with various mechanical and industrial plants practically all his career.

Franklin C. Brownstead was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, August 11, 1873. His father, Ernest Brownstead, born in Hanover, Germany, in 1821, came to America at the age of eleven, followed a career as an engineer and foundryman, and died in 1898. His wife was Catherine Mook, who was born in Germany in 1833 and died in 1880.

Franklin C. Brownstead spent two years of his early life at the Mount Savage Furnace in Kentucky, where his father was one of the operators. The family then returned to Ironton, where Mr. Brownstead attended the public schools until thirteen, and then began a practical vocational training as helper to his father in the engine room. He was employed as fireman and in other capacities until about 1892, and then entered the employ of the LaClede Electric Company at St. Louis, in their construction and electric engineering department. After a year Mr. Brownstead returned to Ironton, was for four years engineer with the Ironton Fire Brick Company, then chief engineer, foreman of car barns, and electrician at Ironton for the Ohio Valley Electric Railway Company for three years, and in 1901 became engineer and electrician with the Ironton Portland Cement Company. His connection with the industry has not been continuous since that time, since in 1907 the Penn Portland Cement Company at Bath, Pennsylvania, secured his services as general foreman, and after three months promoted him to superintendent of the plant, an office he held for two years. Since 1909 Mr. Brownstead has been superintendent of the Ironton Portland Cement Company, and it is due to his genius in mechanics and as an industrial manager that the chief success of the business on its manufacturing side is due.

On March 5, 1895, Mr. Brownstead married Nora M. Hart, daughter of Henry Harrison and Georgiana Hart of Ironton. Her father was a police officer and also engaged in the grocery business. To their marriage have been born the following children: Edna Irene, Charlotte Louise, Ernest F. and Icele Nora. The family are members of the Congregational Church, and Mr. Brownstead is a republican in politics. He owns his residence at Ironton, and is also a stockholder in the Ironton

Portland Cement Company. Mr. Brownstead was a member of the Seventh Regiment Band from 1896 until the beginning of the Spanish-American war, when he resigned owing to the bar upon active service of married men. Mr. Brownstead is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and finds his chief pleasure in outdoor life, an occasional hunting or fishing trip, and in riding about the country with his family in automobile.

Lewis Kruger has made his mark in Vinton County as a substantial farmer. He started life with a liberal equipment of energy, industry, and honest intentions. He has fulfilled the various obligations imposed on him and has performed in turn the duties that lie in the path of an honest citizen and a provider for home and family.

His homestead is three miles west of McArthur in Richland Township, situated on the Pike road. There he owns 225 acres of land, twenty-five acres being in native timber. All the rest is under the plow and in pasture land, and the farm under his management has returned large crops of grain and he raises some good stock. His family live in a comfortable home, and his farm buildings comprise a barn on a foundation 40x50 feet with several sheds and outbuildings. Mr. Kruger has owned this farm for the past eight years and has lived in Vinton County since 1875, since early childhood.

He was born in Jackson County, Ohio, September 5, 1871, and was about four years of age when the family moved to Vinton County. His parents were John and Christina (Cramer) Kruger, both of whom were born in Germany. They came as children to the United States. The Cramer family located in Pennsylvania and Christina's parents spent the rest of their lives near Pittsburg. John Kruger's parents located in Virginia, where they spent the rest of their lives. John Kruger was married in Virginia, and while living there three children were born: Josephine, Maggie and John, Jr. About 1875 the family set out for Ohio and during the six years spent in Jackson County three other children were born, Edward, George and Lewis. The youngest child of the parents was born after the family came to Jackson Township, in Vinton County. All these children are still living, all of them married, and all have children except one. Four of them are living in Vinton County. John Kruger and wife both died in Jackson Township, the former at the age of fifty-six and the latter at sixty. She was a member of the United Brethren Church, and in politics he was a democrat. They were both good, honest and upright people, and during their years spent in Vinton County they improved a good farmstead.

Lewis Kruger, after growing to manhood, married in Jackson Township Miss Amanda Husan. She was born in this township May 9, 1881,

and received her early education in the public schools. Her parents were Martin and Matilda (Peters) Husan, who were married in Noble County, Ohio, February 11, 1864, and soon afterwards moved to Vinton County, establishing their home on a farm in Jackson Township. Both of them died there when about three score years of age. They were members of the United Brethren Church, and Mr. Husan was a democrat and at one time filled the office of justice of the peace in Jackson Township.

Into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kruger have been born three children: Palma Lomax, who was born April 2, 1902, and is now attending the eighth grade of public schools; Gay Willard, born December 1, 1903, is in the eighth grade; and Viola Fern, born May 3, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Kruger have usually identified themselves with all community and social affairs in their neighborhood. In politics he is a democrat and is affiliated with the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Allensville.

Roy W. Haney. The popular and capable superintendent of Woodland Cemetery, Roy W. Haney, is well known to the citizens of Ironton, not alone in his official capacity, but as a business man, for during several years he was at the head of a contracting business here in which he did some of the city's best street and sewer work. He is a native son of Ironton, and was born September 6, 1880, his parents being A. Judson and May (Clarke) Haney, the former a general mechanic of Ironton, where he was born in 1860, while the latter is a native of Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, and was born in 1859. There were six children in the family: Roy W., Anna L., Rose May, Edward H., David J., and William C.

Roy W. Haney attended the public and high schools of Ironton, graduating from the latter in 1901, at which time he became an assistant to the city and county engineers, as well as to civil engineers in private practice, in Lawrence and other counties of Ohio, and in Kentucky. In the spring of 1910 he engaged in business on his own account, having become an expert on cement and in cement contracting, and during the following four years was extensively engaged in street and sewer work in Ironton, one of his best achievements being the building of the upper end of Pine Street, in 1911. His work was at all times characterized by the utmost thoroughness and fidelity to contracts, and those with whom he was associated in business found him a man of the highest principles. Mr. Haney continued in business as a contractor until August 1, 1914, when he was elected superintendent of Woodland Cemetery. A promising young man of pleasing personality, he is energetic and indus-

trious, faithful to his trust and possessed of progressive ideas, and has gained the good will of the people by the admirable manner in which he has discharged his duties. A republican in politics, he served three years in the capacity of central committeeman. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and has a wide acquaintance among business men. Mr. Haney is possessed of some reputation as a fisherman and enjoys frequent trips to the streams of Lawrence County, but his chief pleasure is in his home among his books. He is also possessed of more than ordinary talent as an artist, although he has confined himself in this line to drawing for his own pleasure and that of his friends. Mrs. Haney and children are members of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Haney was married November 4, 1910, at Jackson, Ohio, to Miss Marie A. Simmons, daughter of Peter Simmons, a farmer of Marion, Lawrence County. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Nancy Mary, and Jack Simmons.

Solomon A. Dever. As a farmer and stock raiser Solomon A. Dever is one of the most prominent in Scioto County, with a large estate in Madison Township. He is a successful representative of a family which has been identified with similar interests in this county for several generations. In the fine country district of Madison Township the Devers from the period of pioneer conditions have been noted as skillful managers of the resources of the soil, and at the same time have maintained high standards in local society and citizenship. Mr. Dever was for a number of years identified with educational work in this section of Ohio, and is a man of broad interests and thorough education. Though not a regularly admitted lawyer, he has a competent knowledge of law, and in his varied business relations has been intrusted with the management of a number of important estates.

Solomon A. Dever was born on the farm which is now his home on May 28, 1850, a son of George and Mahala (White) Dever. George Dever was born in Hamilton Township of Jackson County, Ohio, January 12, 1823, a son of Solomon and Chloe (Mault) Dever. Solomon Dever, the grandfather, was a native of Virginia, while his wife was born in Scioto County, and both facts attest the pioneer residence of these family stocks in the Hanging Rock Iron Region. Solomon Dever and wife were the parents of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, four of whom are still living. George Dever was reared in Jackson County, but was married in Scioto County. He and his wife became the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, and one son and one daughter are still living: Solomon A., and Caroline, wife of A. J. Keairns of Jackson County.

Solomon A. Dever was reared on a farm, received his education in district schools, with one term in the Jackson City schools, and on reaching his majority started out to win success for himself. At that time he married, in September, 1871, Nancy Stockham. By this union there were four children, and the three now living are: William, who is unmarried; Etta, wife of Frank McClintock of Harrison Township, in Scioto County; and Nellie, wife of Lewis Poll of Madison Township. After the death of his first wife, Solomon A. Dever married in 1883 Cina Dixon. They have a son, Orel, born March 10, 1885. Orel Dever graduated from the commercial schools at Jackson, and on August 12, 1914, married Clara Herman, and they have a daughter, Helen M., born January 8, 1916.

The Dever family are members of the Hamilton Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Dever is a republican, served a term as treasurer of Madison Township, was president of the township board of education sixteen years, and as already stated was himself engaged in educational work, having spent ten years in the schoolroom as a teacher. His business interests are of a varied and important nature. Mr. Dever is the owner of a splendid farm of 600 acres in Scioto and Jackson counties, and this estate represents many years of quiet but progressive industry, excellent business judgment, and his farm has always been managed to produce the maximum of returns. He is also the owner of valuable property in the City of Jackson. His thorough judgment as a business man and his recognized high integrity have caused him to be selected as administrator for a number of estates, and in that capacity he has disposed of estates ranging in value from $5,000 to $16,000. Mr. Dever has a large law library, maintains quite a business office, equipped with two typewriters, is a notary public, and has adjusted all his business as administrator without recourse to the courts of law.

Guillaume Duduit. A brief space in these pages should be granted to one of the prominent early French pioneers of Southern Ohio, whose name is still carried and honored by descendants living in Portsmouth and elsewhere in this section of the state.

Monsieur Guillaume Duduit, a son of Guillaume and Genevieve Lagro Duduit, wealthy land owners, was born in the Province of Bosse, France, June 15, 1770. He early learned the trade of silversmith in Paris, where after the death of his father he resided at the home of his grandmother Lagro, and assisted his uncle Louis, a rich broker, in business. In 1789, when nineteen years of age, with the assembling of the States General and those political and economic movements which inaugurated the French Revolution, Monsieur Duduit joined the revolutionary party.

and served as corporal under LaFayette at the storming of the Bastile. He assisted in planting the cannon that was directed against the lock of that famous prison on the memorable 14th of July, 1789. He saw the streets of Paris run with blood deep enough to cover horses' hoofs. To escape the increasing miseries that burdened the unhappy land as the revolution proceeded, Monsieur Duduit and his young wife, formerly Mademoiselle Agnes Desot, sailed from France with a colony to take possession of lands in Ohio. They had paid a high price for these lands to an American agent, named, rather paradoxically, "Playfair," and who had operated in Paris and represented himself as the agent for an Ohio company called the Scioto Land Company. At the end of ninety days' rough ocean trip the colonists landed at Alexandria, Virginia, early in 1790. There they discovered that the entire transaction was fraudulent, and that they had paid for lands to which they could obtain no valid title. Disappointed, many of the colonists returned to France at once, others went to various American cities and towns, while about one-half of the company resolved to cross the mountains and make for themselves a home in the western wilderness of the Ohio Valley. They finally located four miles below the mouth of the Kanawha River, and named their settlement Gallipolis. The settlement and subsequent fortunes of this colony form one of the most interesting chapters in Ohio history. Here the colonists endured many privations, and eventually by petitioning Congress, through John G. Gervais, a man of fine address, were granted tracts of land that to some degree compensated them for the lands which they had supposedly bought from the American land shark. This grant of lands is historically known as the "French Grant," and the colonists who, with their families, came to locate upon them from Gallipolis, March 21, 1797, were: John G. Gervais, Dr. Andre LaCroix (father of Monsieur Duduit's second wife, Zaire LaCroix), Jean Baptiste Bertrand, Charles Francis Dutiel, Guillaume Duduit, Claudius Cadot, Peter Serot, M. C. Avaligne, Doctor Duflingy, Peter Chabot, Antoine Claude Vincent.

Possessing an unusually energetic temperament and a spirit which enabled him to readily adapt himself to circumstances, the young Monsieur Duduit immediately cleared his grant of land, which was lot 6 in the French Grant, and in a few years was able to purchase adjoining land. He became an expert hunter and excellent woodsman—two qualifications almost absolutely necessary to the pioneer. He shot the last buffalo ever seen in the grant, according to the Duduit family history. He was one of four scouts appointed by the Government for the protection of Gallipolis against the Indians. Maj. Robert Safford was his companion scout in scouring the country between Marietta and the mouth of

the Scioto, and their vigilance saved Gallipolis from serious depredations at the hands of the dreaded Indians. West of Portsmouth they (and their horses) found ample shelter in an immeuse hollow tree on the Moore farm—a tree fabulously capacious, and only recently destroyed. On July 11, 1811, Mme. Agnes Duduit died. She was the mother of thirteen children, four of whom died in infancy. The others were: Agnes, Caroline, Virginie, William, Oyet, Fanny, Frederic, John, and Desot. On July 3, 1817, Monsieur Duduit married Mlle. Zaire LaCroix, daughter of Dr. Andre LaCroix and Mary Catherine (Avaligne) LaCroix. The children by that marriage were Mary Catherine, Emily Naomi, Eliza, Adaline, Francis Edward, Nancy Maria, Andre LaCroix, and Louis Lagro. Though a Catholic when he left Paris, Monsieur Duduit eventually renounced this religion and became a Protestant, and in that faith died, April 5, 1836. For Government service as scout and as soldier in the War of 1812 his widow received a land warrant, which she sold to the late J. O. Willard of Ironton. Her death occurred September 12, 1869, at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Peters of Ironton—Mr. Peters being iron magnate and one of the earliest settlers of Ironton. His brother Isaac, who married Adaline Duduit, also was an "iron man" of wealth.

Andrew W. Paffenbarger, D. D. S. For more than thirty years Doctor Paffenbarger has been engaged in the practice of his profession in his native county and he is known as one of the leading exponents of the art and science of dentistry in Southern Ohio, his practice being of especially broad scope and importance and his office being of the highest standard in its equipment, facilities and service. His patronage is drawn from all parts of Vinton County, with a material support from contiguous counties, and in addition to his prominence in his profession he is known and valued as one of the most progressive, liberal and public-spirited citizens of McArthur, the county seat, where his interests are extensive and varied and where he has been a specially active and influential figure in connection with the development and upbuilding of the large business controlled by the McArthur Telephone Company, of which he is secretary, treasurer and general manager. This company was incorporated in 1897, and the doctor has been its treasurer from the beginning. In 1905 he became the manager, secretary and treasurer, as well as the heaviest stockholder of the company, and as an executive he has shown marked aggressiveness and ability in bringing the service of the system up to the best modern standard of efficiency. The company now has a list of 160 subscribers in Vinton County; its system brings into utilization 1,300 feet of cable, 260 miles of wire, with toll lines aggregating

fifty-five miles. Direct communication is maintained with four county seats, there being a direct connection with Jackson, Chillicothe, Athens and Logan.

The month of March, 1915, marked the thirty-third anniversary of Doctor Paffenbarger's reception of the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, as he was graduated in the Ohio College of Dentistry, in the City of Cincinnati, in March, 1885. From that time to the present he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Vinton County, and during all of this long period he has maintained his residence and professional headquarters at McArthur, the county seat, save for an interval of three months passed in the Village of Zaleski. He has kept in close touch with the advances made in his profession, which represents both a science and a mechanic art, and brings to bear the most approved methods in both operative and laboratory work, so that he well merits the high reputation and marked success which he has achieved in his chosen vocation.

Doctor Paffenbarger was born on a farm in Elk Township, Vinton County, on the 6th of August, 1856, and was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm, the while he simultaneously developed his mental powers through availing himself of the advantages of the public schools. As a youth he was employed four years as a clerk in mercantile establishments at Zaleski and Southern Illinois, and thereafter he devoted an equal period to effective service as a teacher in the district schools of his native county and Ross and Pickaway counties. He then began the study of dentistry, and concerning his completion of a full course in the Ohio College of Dental Surgery due mention has already been made.

Initiative energy and progressive ideas have made Doctor Paffenbarger one of the foremost and most potent factors in the promotion and development of enterprises that have done much to conserve material and civic progress in his home city and county. His association with the telephone company has already been noted in this context, and he was also one of the incorporators of the McArthur Brick Company, which represents one of the most important manufacturing enterprises in this section of the state. He was the chief promoter of the McArthur Building and Loan Association, in 1889, was treasurer of the same for several years and was its president for ten years.

The doctor has been affiliated with the Masonic fraternity since 1878, and he served five years as master of the McArthur Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The close of the year 1915 finds him the valued and honored incumbent of the office of high priest of McArthur Chapter No. 102, Royal Arch Masons, which he has several times represented in the Ohio Grand Chapter. He is a member of the Board of

Education of McArthur, a position which he has held twelve years, and in all things he maintains a lively interest in the communal welfare. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the local Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as a steward and a trustee, besides which he was for fifteen years the earnest and popular teacher of a young women's class in the Sunday school, many of the young ladies who were members of his class having virtually grown to womanhood under his religious instruction and personal friendship, a number of them having married and some of the number having removed to other parts of the Union, his interest in all of them having continued and their appreciative regard having been a pleasing phase of his life history.

Doctor Paffenbarger is a son of George Will and Elizabeth (DeMuth) Paffenbarger, the former of whom was born in Ross County, a representative of one of the early and honored pioneer families of this section of the Buckeye State. The marriage of the parents was solemnized at Adelphi, Ross County, Mrs. Paffenbarger having been born in Pennsylvania, and having been young at the time of her parents' immigration to Ohio. George W. Paffenbarger and his wife established their home on a pioneer farm in Elk Township, Vinton County, in 1845, and here he developed one of the valuable farms of the county, the while he ever held inviolable place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow men as one of the sterling, steadfast and loyal citizens of the township that continued to represent his home until his death. He was born October 16, 1813, and passed to the life eternal on the 1st of January, 1888. His wife was born November 14, 1813, and her death occurred April 9, 1886, their marriage having been solemnized in the year 1831. Both were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics Mr. Paffenbarger was aligned with the whig party until the organization of the republican party, when he transferred his allegiance to the latter, its cause thereafter receiving his loyal support during the remainder of his long and useful life.

John Paffenbarger, grandfather of the subject of this review, was born at Hagerstown, Maryland, in the year 1788, and was one of the sturdy pioneers who did well his part in connection with the social and industrial development of Southern Ohio. At Adelphi, Ross County, this state, he wedded Miss Susan Will, and both continued their residence in this section of the state until their death when venerable in years. The founder of the American branch of the Paffenbarger family was George Paffenbarger, who was born and reared in Germany and who immigrated to the New World in 1733, Doctor Paffenbarger being of the sixth generation in line of descent from this colonial ancestor. The

doctor is the youngest in a family of five sons and six daughters, all of whom attained to adult age except one of the daughters, and of the number four sons and one daughter are now living.

On the 23d of September, 1885, was solemnized the marriage of Doctor Paffenbarger to Miss Ida P. Seal, who was born at McArthur, Vinton County, on the 14th of June, 1868, her education having been received in the schools of this place. She is the only daughter of John and Hannah (Corbly) Seal, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Vinton County, Ohio, their marriage having been solemnized at McArthur. Mr. Seal was a tanner by trade and vocation and continued his residence in McArthur until his death—one of the substantial and greatly esteemed citizens and representative business men of Vinton County. He served as a soldier during the Seminole Indian war, and Doctor Paffenbarger retains as prized heirlooms the ancient horse pistol, flint-lock gun and canteen which were owned by the father of his wife, the gun having been manufactured at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, in 1813. Mr. Seal was a vigorous advocate of the cause of the whig party and was influential in public affairs in Vinton County for many years prior to his death, and both of his children are now living, Mrs. Paffenbarger being the younger and her brother, John E., likewise being a resident of McArthur, he and his wife having no children. Doctor and Mrs. Paffenbarger have two sons. Ralph was graduated in the McArthur High School and later was graduated in the engineering department of the Ohio State University. He is now a teacher of mathematics and an instructor in athletics at Chillicothe, and is proving most successful and popular in this field of educational service. George, the younger son, celebrated his thirteenth birthday anniversary in 1915, and is a student in the public schools of McArthur, where the family is one of prominence in connection with the representative social life of the community.

Hon. Robert Lucas. It is truly said that the world today is what the men of a past generation has made it, and this is especially true of those whose influence extended beyond the confines of their own town and county, as did that of Hon. Robert Lucas, who rose to the distinction of being governor of Ohio from 1832 until 1836. A native of Virginia, he was born at Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, April 1, 1771.

His father, Capt. William Lucas, was born in Virginia in 1742, and there spent the earlier years of his life. He served in the Continental army throughout the Revolutionary war, arising to the rank of captain. In 1800 he came to Ohio, where several of his children had previously settled, bringing with him his slaves, and in this state setting them free. Locating in Scioto County, near the present site of Lucasville, he was

there a resident until his death, in 1814. His wife, Susanna Lucas, was born in 1745, and died in 1809. They reared five sons and three daughters, as follows: Joseph, Robert, John, William, and Samuel, and a daughter that married a Mr. Buckles, one that married a Mr. Creamer, and one that became the wife of a Mr. Steinberger.

Robert Lucas was nineteen years old when he came with the family to Ohio. He had previously acquired a fine education, and in 1804 was appointed bridge inspector, and given the rank of major. In 1805 he was made surveyor of Scioto County, and the following year was elected justice of the peace. At the outbreak of the War of 1812, Mr. Lucas did not enlist, but went with the army to Canada, and, one account says, surrendered at Detroit with Hull's forces, and was paroled, while another account just as positively asserts that he escaped, and showed such marked military ability that he was made a captain in the regular army. Becoming very prominent and influential in public affairs, Mr. Lucas was elected to the State Senate in 1814, and was continued in that position by re-election until 1822. In 1824 he was again honored by an election to the State Senate, and continued in office until 1829, being re-elected each year, and in 1830 was again the people's choice for senator. In 1820 Mr. Lucas was presidential elector on the democratic ticket, and served in the same capacity again in 1828. In 1832 he had the honor of being elected governor of Ohio, and served until 1836, his continuation in the office being a high testimonial to his personal popularity and a tribute to his ability.

Mr. Lucas was a resident of Scioto County until 1824, when he moved to Piketon, which was his home for fourteen years. Being appointed governor of the Territory of Iowa in 1838, he held the office until 1841, when he settled on a farm near Iowa City, and there resided until his death, February 7, 1853. He was very active in the public affairs of Iowa, serving as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1844, and there being one of the committee of the executive department, and of the committee on boundaries.

Mr. Lucas was twice married. He married first, April 4, 1810, Eliza Brown, whose father was a tavernkeeper. She died two years later, leaving one child, an infant daughter. Mr. Lucas married second, March 7, 1816, Friendly A. Sumner, a daughter of Edward Sumner, a wealthy farmer, and by that union he reared seven children. While living in Pike County, Ohio, Mr. Lucas purchased a tract of land lying about two miles from Piketon, and in addition to building a magnificent mansion, made improvements of great value, transforming his property into one of the most beautiful and attractive country estates in the Central West, and naming it, in honor of his wife, Friendly Grove.

William Craig. One of the oldest residents of Clinton Township in Vinton County is William Craig, now past the age of fourscore, his period of activity and observation covering all the years since the early '50s, when Vinton County was still partially under the dominion of the wilderness. Through fifteen successive presidential campaigns he has been a regular voter in Clinton Township, and was able to cast his first ballot during the year when the republicans first nominated a presidential candidate. Out of his life and character has flown a stream of beneficent influence, kindly deeds and a constant intention to do justice among his fellow men.

His is one of the oldest families identified with the history of Vinton County, the Craigs having settled here more than a century ago. His grandfather, William Craig, a native of Pennsylvania, married in that state, and all his six children were born there, including three sons, William, Thomas and George, and three daughters, Sarah, Phoebe and Jane. They were all natives of Washington County, the rugged and picturesque district which has been the scene of so much history in Southwestern Pennsylvania. In 1814 William Craig brought his family into Southern Ohio and located in Vinton County, where he purchased a tract of wild Government land in Clinton Township, 3½ miles from where McArthur now stands, and about four miles north of Hamden. William Craig was born about the close of the Revolutionary war, and both he and his wife lived to be about eighty years of age. In the meantime the wild tract of land in Clinton Township had been converted into cultivated fields and was a home of comfort and plenty. He was a Methodist and in politics was a democrat. In that old community the six children grew up, all of them married, and most of them lived to be old people and left descendants.

Thomas Craig, father of the venerable William Craig first mentioned, was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1803, and was only eleven years of age when he accompanied the family to Vinton County. He was reared to the vigorous pastimes and duties of a frontier community, and after reaching manhood he secured a portion of the old homestead and there spent all his years from the age of eleven until his death in September, 1892, when in his eighty-ninth year. He made his success as a general farmer, and was a highly esteemed and much loved pioneer. He was a democrat, and both he and his wife were Methodists. He married, in Vinton County, Mary Brown, who was born about 1810 and died at the old Clinton Township homestead when past eighty. She was the mother of five sons and seven daughters, and four of the sons and an equal number of the daughters are still living. Two of the family died young.

William Craig, one of the oldest of the children, was born on the old homestead in Clinton Township, December 6, 1832, and at the time of this writing has already celebrated his eighty-third birthday. He has never lost his residence in Clinton Township, and began voting here at the age of twenty-one. Like his ancestors, he identified himself early with agricultural enterprise, and by his thrift and energy has enjoyed a marked degree of success. Since the year 1856 his home has been in section 8 of Clinton Township, and in that locality he still owns 333 acres of the better grade of land, most of it well improved and well stocked for the raising of horses, cattle and sheep. He enjoys the comforts of an attractive 6-room home, beautifully located on the McArthur and Hamden Pike. This is a historic house in some ways, since it was constructed while General Morgan was making his famous raid through Vinton County in 1863, and at the time Mr. Craig was a member of the state militia located at Portsmouth.

In 1856, the year he bought his farm, Mr. Craig was married in this township to Miss Mary Newton. She was born in Vinton County in 1830, and died at her home in April, 1899. Her parents were David and Julia (Rankins) Newton, who came from Canada, and were early settlers in Vinton County, and died on a farm in Clinton Township, her father at the age of sixty-five, and her mother when in the prime of life. Mrs. Craig was one of four children, and two of her brothers, William and Hiram, are still living. Mrs. Craig was for many years an active member of the Christian Church, and Mr. Craig still attends and is a member in good standing in the same church. In politics he is a democrat, having been loyal to the political tenets of his ancestors, and in the course of his long and active lifetime has filled various township offices. For a number of years he acted in an official capacity in his home church. Most of his children have identified themselves with churches, some with the Presbyterian and others with the Christian denomination.

A brief record of William Craig's children is as follows: Julia, born in 1857, has never married, and lives with her sister at the old home. The son Henry T., born in 1861, had a public school education and for many years has successfully operated the old homestead in Clinton Township, being a competent farmer in general crops and in the raising of stock for the past eighteen years; he married Nancy A. Roland of Clinton Township, and their four children are: Leo D., who is a farmer in Clinton Township, and by his marriage to Lelah Cox in Washington Township of Vinton County has a son, Harold; Edna B., who was educated in the grade schools and is still living at home; Nancy Edith, who for two years has been engaged in teaching, is still living at home; and William T., now a student in the high school at Hamden, in his freshman

year. Sanford D. Craig, the second son of Mr. Craig, is now living in the State of Utah on a farm, and married Mrs. Sarah (McPherson) Neptune. Susan Olive, the second daughter, is the wife of Frank E. Jennings, a farmer, near Circleville, Ohio, and their children are: Sanford, Howard, Maude, wife of Harry Mace, Harry, Bertha, Leon, Audrey, Earl and Blanch, all the four oldest being married. Newton, the third son, is now living in Texas. Hiram is in the grain elevator business in Illinois and by his marriage to Ora Monahan of Hamden, Ohio, has two children, named Kenneth and Cree.

Ezra Q. Timms. For fully half a century Mr. Timms has been identified with the agricultural prosperity of Clinton Township in Vinton County. He came to this locality soon after the close of the Civil war, in which he had made a gallant record as a soldier of the Union army. His home and farm are located near Dundas Village. His homestead comprises 137 acres, nearly all of it improved, and he formerly owned 150 acres more, which he gave to his sons.

He comes of old Virginia stock and was born in Wirt County in that section of Virginia which is now the State of West Virginia, on September 19, 1842. Among his native hills he spent the years of his childhood and youth, trained himself as a farmer, and acquired a district school education. He was nearly twenty years of age when he enlisted in the Eleventh West Virginia Infantry for service in the Union army. This regiment was successively under the command of Colonel Rathbone, Daniel Frost, who was killed in battle, Col. Dan H. Bukey, who resigned, and finally under Col. James L. Simpson, who was a very brave and gallant soldier. In the earlier part of its service this regiment was on special duty in guarding railroads and fighting the rebel raiders. After about two years, when the country had been rid of this guerrilla warfare, the regiment went into the Shenandoah Valley and helped to win the hard-fought battles of Cedar Creek and Winchester. The regiment was a part of the Eighth Army Corps under the command of the gallant Phil Sheridan, and Mr. Timms witnessed the dashing ride of that general in the Cedar Creek fight. The regiment was afterwards in the charge on Petersburg, where it lost the greater part of its men in killed and wounded, and very few were fit for duty after the battle. Mr. Timms was in the army nearly three years, and though he endured almost constant duty and much fighting he was never shot nor in the hospital a single day, and always ready for any duty to which he was assigned. For some months he served as sergeant of his company. On September 2, 1862, at Spencer in Roane County, Virginia, he was captured, but after being held over night was paroled the next morning, since he was about

to be retaken by his own men. He received his honorable discharge on June 17, 1865.

In the fall of that year, after his return to his native county, his father sold their Virginia home and came to Vinton County, Ohio. His father was Richard Timms, who bought 452 acres of land where the Village of Dundas now stands. Richard Timms died in October, 1875. He was born in 1800 in Prince William County of old Virginia. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Bibby, was born in Wood County, West Virginia, of German parentage, and died in March, 1876.

Mr. Timms was still unmarried when he accompanied his parents to Vinton County, but after they were settled he returned to West Virginia and on October 26, 1865, married Susan M. Barnett. She was born in Wood County, West Virginia, November 28, 1845. For more than half a century Mr. and Mrs. Timms have trodden together the way of life in harmonious companionship, and all that time they have occupied the homestead where they now live. Mrs. Timms has been a splendid home maker and housekeeper, and has shared in the credit for the generous prosperity which has grown up under their united energy and management. Mr. Timms is a very practical farmer and stock breeder and has always kept a large number of livestock, cattle, horses, and hogs, and poultry. He does his stock feeding in the most efficient manner, and one feature of his farm is a thirty-ton silo.

Mr. and Mrs. Timms have reared a family of eight children. Any L. is the widow of Willis T. Salts, who was a general farmer, and she still occupies the old farm and is the mother of nine children. Henry M. Timms is a practical farmer in Clinton Township of Vinton County, and is married and has one daughter. James W. is also a farmer in the same township and has one daughter. Anna L. is the wife of Samuel Russel of Clinton Township, and they have a daughter. Charles V. is still unmarried and lives at home, and is a very practical fruit grower. George B. is a railroad man at Freeport, Illinois, and is married and has one daughter. Ida B., who died June 17, 1915, was the wife of Milton S. Cox, who is general yardmaster for the Santa Fe Railway at Los Angeles, California. Geneva E. is the wife of Earl C. Bay, a farmer in Vinton County, and they have a son and two daughters. Most of the family are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Timms and his sons are republicans.

Oscar S. Cox, M. D. Not only in his profession but also as a citizen and a man among men does Dr. Oscar Silas Cox stand exemplar of high ideals, and thus there is all of reason for his having achieved success in his chosen and humane vocation and also that he should have gained

impregnable vantage-ground in popular confidence and esteem. He is engaged in the active general practice of his profession at McArthur, the county seat of Vinton County, and is consistently to be designated as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, to which this publication is devoted.

In celebrated old Starling Medical College, now the medical department of the Ohio State University, in the City of Columbus, Doctor Cox was graduated as a member of the class of 1892 and with the well earned degree of Doctor of Medicine. His novitiate in the practical work of his profession was served at Chillicothe, the judicial center of Ross County, Ohio, where he remained two years. He then removed to McArthur, Vinton County, where he has continued in successful practice during the intervening period of somewhat more than a score of years and where his success has been on a parity with his recognized ability, the broad scope and importance of his practice likewise attesting his personal popularity. The doctor gives special attention to the treatment of epilepsy, has become an authority on this distressing malady and its treatment and has been able to relieve therefrom many a poor sufferer who had abandoned all hope for improvement. Aside from the regular work of his profession he has served as a member of the Board of United States Pensions Examiners in Vinton County and was for two years the examiner for the Ohio Industrial Commission, besides having been for a time directly connected with the official headquarters of the commission, in Columbus. As medical examiner the doctor is local representative for a number of leading life-insurance companies, and the profession of his choice has been dignified by his character and his achievement.

Doctor Cox takes a due measure of satisfaction in claiming Vinton County as the place of his nativity, and he is a scion of a family whose name has been long and worthily linked with civic and industrial affairs in this section of the Buckeye State. He was born on his father's farm, in Richland Township, this county, on the 20th of December, 1865, and here he passed the period of his boyhood and early youth under the benignant influences of the farm, the while he availed himself fully of the advantages of the local schools. In the furtherance of his education he was later a student in the Northwestern Ohio Normal School, at Ada, Hardin County, where he pursued a course that made him eligible for effective service as a representative of the pedagogic profession. For several years he was numbered among the successful teachers in the rural and village schools of this part of the state, and in the meanwhile he was working forward to the mark of his ambition by giving careful attention to the reading of medicine, under excellent private preceptor-

ship. He finally completed his course in Starling Medical College, as has already been noted in a preceding paragraph.

Doctor Cox came of fine old Revolutionary stock and the ancestral history in America is one in which he may well take just pride. He is a lineal descendant of Thomas Cox, who was born in the State of Virginia on the 4th of July, 1776, the date that marked the signing of that immortal document, the Declaration of Independence, and his father served as a drummer in the Continental Line in the War of the Revolution, his having been the privilege to have thus shown his patriotism as a member of the forces commanded by General Washington. This loyal son of the new republic continued his residence in the historic Old Dominion commonwealth of Virginia until the time of his death.

James G. Cox, son of Thomas Cox, was born and reared in Virginia, where his association in the meanwhile was with the great basic industry of agriculture. In Virginia was solemnized his marriage, the family name of his wife having been Bruce, and from the Old Dominion they came to Ohio to number themselves among the pioneer settlers in what is now Vinton County. In Richland Township Mr. Cox obtained a tract of Government land and set to himself the herculean task of reclaiming a farm from the forest wilds, the warrant to his land having been signed by President James K. Polk, a fact that shows that the Cox family was thus founded in Vinton County at a very early date. Mr. Cox developed a productive farm and did well his part in furtherance of the civic and industrial progress and upbuilding of this section of the state, where he bore his share of the vicissitudes that ever fall to the lot of the pioneer and where his original home was a log cabin of the primitive type common to the locality and period. This house he later replaced with one of better order, and the annals of the county record him as one of the strong, resourceful, upright and influential men of this now opulent section of the Buckeye State. He attained to the patriarchal age of ninety-three years, his wife having passed to the life eternal at the venerable age of eighty-five years. They were sterling pioneers who aided in laying broad and deep the foundations on which has been reared the fine superstructure of latter-day progress and prosperity, and their names merit enduring place on the roll of the honored pioneers of Vinton County. They were early members of the Christian Church in this county, and in its faith they carefully reared their children, several sons and daughters having blessed their union and the youngest of the number having been James G., father of him whose name initiates this review.

James G. Cox was born in Ross County, Ohio, in the year 1832, and his death occurred at his fine old homestead farm, in Richland Town-

ship, Vinton County, in the year 1889, virtually his entire life having been passed on this rural estate, on which was erected the first Christian Church in Richland Township, he having been one of the foremost in effecting the organization of the church and one of the most liberal and earnest in its support. He served as an elder of the congregation from the time the church was organized until the close of his life, and he was known as one of the loyal and public-spirited citizens of the county—a successful exponent of the agricultural and live-stock industries and a man whose entire life was guided and governed by the highest principles and by a deep and abiding Christian faith. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party, and he served with characteristic loyalty and circumspection in various offices of local public trust.

As a young man James G. Cox wedded Miss Nancy Graves, who was born in Vinton County, in 1841, and who survived him by more than a decade, her death having occurred on the 30th of January, 1902, when her gentle spirit was released from the mortal tenement and all who had known her came to the fullest realization of the gracious benediction which her life had been, her circle of devoted friends having been limited only by that of her acquaintances. She was a daughter of Thomas and Tacit (Darby) Graves, the former of whom was born in North Carolina and the latter in Virginia, and both having been representatives of fine old French Huguenot families that were founded in the Carolinas in the colonial era of our national history. James G. and Nancy (Graves) Cox became the parents of six children, concerning whom brief record is here consistently incorporated: Thomas S. is the owner of a large landed estate in Clinton Township, Vinton County, and has achieved special success not only as an agriculturist and stock-raiser but also as a grower of small fruits. He and his wife had four children, but one child died in infancy and his wife died in February, 1916. L. Seneca, who now resides in the Village of McArthur, is likewise one of the substantial farmers of Vinton County, and he and his wife have one son and one daughter. Sanford is a deaf mute and resides in the home of his brother Oscar S., who is the immediate subject of this sketch. Benson Simon died in infancy. Hon. M. S. Cox, the next in order of birth, is now a resident of the City of Los Angeles, California, where he holds an important executive position with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company. Prior to leaving his native state he has served as a member of the lower house of the Ohio Legislature, in which he represented his district. Martha M. died on the 10th of December, 1903, at the age of twenty-four years, well known for her gracious

personality and her exceptional vocal talent in the realm of musical interpretation.

It is to be recorded that Dr. Oscar S. Cox, notwithstanding his unqualified personal popularity, still permits his name to be enrolled on the list of eligible bachelors in his native county. He is actively identified with the Vinton County Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Society, is affiliated with the blue lodge and chapter organizations of York Rite Masonry in his home village, as well as with the adjunct chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with the Daughters of Rebekah. In the McArthur Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America he has filled each of the official chairs, and he is an earnest and zealous member of the Christian Church in his home town, as well as a popular and efficient teacher in its Sunday school. He is loyal and liberal in his support of all things that tend to further the moral, educational and material advancement of the community, and his status as a citizen and as a physician is such that is most gratifying to be able to offer even this brief review of his personal and family history.

James L. Taylor, M. D. In all that represents the highest ethics and most liberal culture in his exacting profession Doctor Taylor has shown forth his strong character, and has been in the most significant sense the friend of humanity. He has passed the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, and is now retired from the active practice of a profession that has been signally dignified and honored by his character and services. Not in far away fields where greater self-aggrandizement and wider distinction might have been his, has this respected physician directed his energies, but he has been content to study, to read, to write and to offer his benignant ministrations in a rural community, his home having long been maintained at Wheelersburg in Scioto County. Here he counts as his greatest possession the esteem and good will of the community, where he has practiced a life time, rather than the more than local fame that has come to him as a representative physician and surgeon of his native state.

Doctor Taylor is a scion of a prominent pioneer family in this county, and was born at Franklin Furnace on the first of February, 1840. His father was Landon Taylor who married Jane Vincent in 1837, daughter of the original French settler of that name who located in Little French Grant, and two sons were born to the Taylor family, one of whom died in childhood. The Taylor family were of English lineage, and became established in New England during colonial times, whence they passed from the Connecticut Valley to Chemung County,

New York, prior to 1800. This must have been near revolutionary times for it is of record that one, Elisha Taylor, married a Miss Vanavery, a Dutch girl, in Chemung County, New York, who brought him considerable money, and a black servant to wait on her. As negro slavery was abolished in New York State by the Act of 1799, it must have been earlier in 1700 that the colored maid was held as property. From having been pioneers near Elmira (then called Newtown), during the eighteenth century, they migrated to Scioto County in 1818, bought lands and settled on Little Scioto, where Sarah Taylor, who had married Abijah Batterson, lived until a few years ago, her husband, beginning in the '30s, having held the position of associate judge of Scioto County for seven years. Some years later Mrs. Batterson's brother James, whose family comprised seven sons and a daughter, also came from New York and bought a Dogwood Ridge Farm located near his sister's. Four of these sons, including Landon who was the doctor's father, afterwards became Methodist ministers, thus following in the footsteps of their father who had preached and helped build up Methodist churches near his old home in Elmira. Soon after his marriage Landon took a position in the office at Franklin Furnace, then running night and day to turn out pig iron at the rate of six to eight tons in twenty-four hours. When iron making ceased to be profitable and the furnace closed, he turned to school teaching at $25 a month as an expedient prior to his ordination into the ministry. During the forty years devoted to ministerial work he held many important appointments in his conference. After retiring on account of ill health, he published, in 1883, an autobiography of some 500 pages of which two editions were disposed of, and which was entitled "The Battlefield Reviewed," in which he recounts occasional ministrations at nearly every furnace in the Hanging Rock Iron Region, as an important part of his life work. Life's close came to both husband and wife during the same week in 1885 at the home of Doctor Taylor in Wheelersburg, and together they lie in the same lot in that beautiful cemetery.

Owing to the confirmed invalidism of his mother, Doctor Taylor soon after birth was adopted into the home of his maternal aunt, Mrs. J. S. Baccus, on a farm near Wheelersburg. The country schoolhouse of that district was nearly two miles away, and thither the boy repaired daily during the three winter months, despite rain or storm or roads of unbroken snow, to the old log schoolhouse requiring to be rechinked and daubed anew nearly every winter. A huge fireplace filled nearly one whole end of the house, and the remaining three sides were occupied by long benches mostly without backs, with just one desk in the room that would accommodate two pupils at a time for writing. No black-

board, no place for ink, goose quills, nor copy-books, for modern school desks had not yet been invented. A new teacher complained of the lack of conveniences for teaching writing, and a nearby resident volunteered to get a broad slab from a saw-mill close to the school, which he fitted across one side of the room, flat side up, on three long pins bored into a house log. That was a great innovation, and the whole school was very proud of its slab. For back logs to burn in the fireplace, the patrons of the school would "snake in" to the school lot long logs without limbs, and the large boys would take turns in chopping them into back logs. At that time the State of Ohio had not yet enacted the organization of a township school system, and there was very little public money available to pay teachers, who had to depend on rate bills assessed on the parents of the attending pupils. The teachers themselves, many of them were of extremely limited attainments, very few being competent to solve average examples in partial payments, or even intricate propositions in common and decimal fractions. Their outfit comprised a spelling book, and a reader for the small children, and for the older ones a writing book, an arithmetic, a ruler, and in most cases a hickory-whip behind the door.

But notwithstanding the early lack of educational advantages, Doctor Taylor succeeded in getting a teacher's county certificate at the age of fifteen, and at sixteen taught his first school in the Kettles District in a log house of the old type, equipped only with long benches, but without even the flat side of a slab to accommodate writing books. For several years he taught school and went away to school alternately, until he secured a diploma from the University of Michigan in the class of 1863, being the first Scioto County man to obtain a bachelor's degree from that institution, where students now congregate for an education from all parts of the world. For a time the doctor held a position on the county board of school examiners with Dr. Erastus Burr and John Bolton, being appointed by Judge A. C. Thompson to fill the vacancy caused by Capt. N. W. Evans' resignation. After attending courses of medical lectures at Ann Arbor and Cincinnati, he graduated at the Medical College of Ohio in 1872, and succeeded Dr. A. Titus in his medical practice and property at Wheelersburg, Ohio. For thirty-three years he stood faithfully at his post, dispensing his professional skill alike to all who came, whether the cases promised big fees or no fees, and many, many accounts were never presented for collection. He was in close affiliation with the local medical societies, the state and national associations, the American Academy of Medicine, of which he was vice president from 1901-2, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His strictly medical papers appeared from time to

time in the Journal of the American Medical Association, while those pertaining to sociology were published in the Bulletin of the American Academy of Medicine. He wrote widely on medical, agricultural, educational, financial and scientific topics, but it was to his medical calling that he brought the best products of his labors.

On the 26th of December, 1867, Doctor Taylor was married to Miss Melissa Folsom (daughter of James Smith Folsom), who was born at Junior Landing, Scioto County, in 1835, and who completed her youthful education at the high school in Ironton, Ohio. She is a member of the widely disseminated Folsom family scattered throughout the United States, all of whom are descended from the progenitor, John, who came from England to Massachusetts in the new world with his wife and servants in 1634, not long after the Mayflower. The family genealogy, a book of nearly 300 pages, printed in 1882, shows her to be number seven in the line of descent from ancestor John, and the hundreds of Folsom names recorded there clearly indicate that the Folsom family has been highly prolific. While many families tend towards extinction, and finally do disappear altogether, other families tend to multiply so as to replenish the earth, and to this latter class the Folsom family evidently belongs. To this one ancestor, John, all the Folsoms of this broad land can look back, much as the Jews look back to Abraham. Already the name Folsom with its combinations, appears in the names of sixteen or eighteen towns, villages, railway stations and postoffices throughout the United States, and it would be extremely interesting to know exactly on what natural endowments this tendency to increase or to become extinct really depends, and why virile tenacity accompanies only some families through many generations.

Dr. Wesley Taylor was born and received his early education at Wheelersburg, Ohio, and is the only survivor of three children, two sons and a daughter, born to James L. and Melissa Taylor. After getting what training the Wheelersburg schools provided, he spent two years in the Ann Arbor High School preparatory to entering his father's alma mater, the University of Michigan, where he continued six years longer in obtaining his B. S. & M. D. degrees, graduating in arts and in medicine with the class of 1899. After graduation he secured an interneship on the surgical staff of Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, where he remained for eighteen months as house surgeon in that institution. From Cleveland he went abroad and stopped first at Göttingen, Germany, where he secured quarters in an educated private family to learn colloquial German, and remained there for six months, avoiding the English speaking colony, reading, writing, studying and talking nothing but German. So that when he entered the medical clinics at Vienna later, he was

accounted the best German scholar among all the Americans attending there. After a profitable tutoring from the distinguished medical teachers in Vienna for eleven months, he went to Paris and took a place on the staff of Doctor Dejerine at the Salpetriere, with a view to specializing in mental and nervous diseases. Here he remained for fourteen months under a master teacher, assisting at the largest and most famous nervous disease clinic in the world. From there he next spent some months in the hospitals of London and Berlin, having remained abroad nearly four years under the instruction of the foremost living teachers of modern medicine. He is now located in Detroit in a lucrative medical practice, is a member of the staff of Harper Hospital where he conducts daily a large nervous disease clinic, belongs to the American Neurological Society, is member of the faculty, and lecturer on nervous and mental diseases in Detroit Medical College, and is recognized as standing in the front ranks of the medical profession in Michigan.

William Allen McClure. An honored old soldier and practically a lifelong resident of Jackson County, William A. McClure is spending the quiet years on his country place in Franklin Township.

He was born in Bloomfield Township of Jackson County, September 29, 1842. His father was Arthur McClure, a native of Greenbrier County, Virginia, and the grandfather was Samuel McClure, also a native of Virginia. Grandfather McClure lived in Virginia until about 1830, when he brought his family to Jackson County, Ohio, locating in Bloomfield Township. He bought some land, and lived out the rest of his career in that community.

Arthur McClure was quite young when he came with his parents to Jackson County, and subsequently he too bought land in Bloomfield Township and took up the work of general farmer and stock raiser. That was his home and his occupation until his death at the age of forty-five. He married Jane Stephenson, also a native of Virginia, who survived her husband many years. She reared nine children.

William Allen McClure grew up in his native township, had the benefit of the local schools, and was about eighteen years of age when in 1862 he enlisted in Company A of the One Hundred and Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This regiment was subsequently made the First Ohio Heavy Artillery. During a part of his service he was on detached duty, but he was in the army until after the close of the war. Upon getting his honorable discharge he returned home and applied his energies to general farming. For nine years he was in the mercantile business at Rocky Hill, but with that exception farming has been his regular pursuit now for practically half a century. About 1880 he

bought the attractive place which he now owns and occupies in Franklin Township.

Mr. McClure married Miss Emily Jane Hanna. They have reared a family of three children.

Samuel Prichard Fetter, M. D. Engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Portsmouth since 1908, Doctor Fetter is one of the well established physicians of that city, has an excellent practice, and has won his place in professional life. He comes of a family of professional men and educators.

Samuel Prichard Fetter was born at Garysburg, near Chapel Hill, North Carolina. His father was Rev. Charles Fetter, who was born in Chapel Hill in Orange County, North Carolina, August 6, 1845. The grandfather, Manuel Fetter, was a native of New York City, was reared and educated there, and at the age of twenty-six removed to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, to accept the chair of Greek and mathematics in the well known college of that city, the University of North Carolina. He was one of the useful and esteemed instructors in that college for thirty years. His death occurred at Pulaski City, Virginia, in his eightieth year. Manuel Fetter married Sarah Cox, who was born on Staten Island, New York, and died at Chapel Hill. She reared four sons and three daughters, namely: Frederick, Charles, William, Harry, Susan, Catherine and Martha.

The late Rev. Charles Fetter was educated in the University of North Carolina and for twenty years was associated with his brother Frederick in conducting a preparatory school known as the Fetter School of East Carolina. Both the brothers then entered the Episcopal ministry, being ordained at Greensboro by Bishop Lyman. Charles Fetter after that was assistant rector at St. Andrews Church at Greensboro for a time, following which he had charges in North Carolina and Kentucky. He returned from Mount Sterling, Kentucky, to North Carolina, to become rector of Calvary Church at Wadesboro, and died there in 1908.

The Rev. Charles Fetter married Elizabeth Prichard. She was born in Petersburg, Virginia, in June, 1846, a daughter of William I. Prichard, also a native of Petersburg, and a granddaughter of John Prichard, a native of the same city and of old Virginia colonial ancestry. John Prichard was a tobacconist and spent all his life in Petersburg. He married Elizabeth Conway, of another old Virginia family. William Irwin Prichard was for forty years a banker in Petersburg, where he spent his life, dying at the age of seventy-six. He married Mary Hammett, who was born in Petersburg, daughter of Abraham Barker and Annie (Stokes) Hammett, who were New Englanders in lineage. Mary

Hammett Prichard died in her eighty-first year. She reared a family of eight sons and four daughters, namely: William Bend, John Hammett, Charles Everett, George Bond, Nathan Brooks, Elizabeth, Ruth C., Mary S., Anna M., Samuel J., Robert White, and Irwin S. Most of these children married and reared families and their descendants are now widely scattered.

Rev. Charles Fetter and wife reared five children: Charles M., who is now in business at Hamlet, North Carolina; Clinton and Robert, both in the lumber business in Texas; Samuel P.; and Elizabeth C., the only daughter, died at the age of twenty-six as the wife of Dr. Walter Ruffin Ashe of North Carolina.

Samuel P. Fetter was educated at the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, and early determined upon medicine as his profession. He entered the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, graduated in the class of 1904, and for the following four years was attached to the medical staff of the Ohio Hospital for Epileptics at Gallipolis. Since then he has been in active practice of medicine and surgery at Portsmouth, and has established some excellent connections. For the past five years he has been local surgeon for the Cincinnati & Ohio Railway, and is local medical examiner for Scioto County of the State Industrial Commission. For the past four years he has served as president of the city board of health. Doctor Fetter is a member of the Hempstead Academy of Medicine, of the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. His fraternal affiliations are with Aurora Lodge No. 48, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Mount Vernon Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; Solomon Council No. 79, Royal & Select Masters; and Calvary Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar. He is unmarried and his mother presides over his household. They are members of All Saints Episcopal Church, and he is vestryman and was senior warden in 1914.

August Adolph Boggs. The awards which may be attained by the following out of an honorable purpose with firm determination and manly self-reliance, are well illustrated in the career of August Adolph Boggs, the well known wholesale lumber merchant of Jackson, Ohio. His only resource when he began active life at the age of fourteen years was natural ability, but he possessed also immense will-power and was enabled to make the most of every opportunity that arose. His home training had been an admirable one, and very early in life he learned the value of self-help and the virtues of frugality, sobriety and industry. He set himself a high ideal and in a practical, common-sense way has directed his every effort toward its attainment, with the result that he has

achieved a most gratifying success in his chosen field of endeavor and occupies a high position in the esteem of those among whom he has labored.

Mr. Boggs was born in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, March 14, 1856, and is a son of Horace and Margaret (Gorden) Boggs. His father was born in Jackson County, Ohio, in 1830, and as a youth of seventeen years went to Maryland, where for many years he was engaged in laboring, but in 1875 returned to Jackson County, and here passed away July 27, 1888. Mrs. Boggs was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, in 1822, and died in 1899. August Adolph was their only child.

The public schools of his native county furnished Adolph A. Boggs with his education, and when he was fourteen years of age he embarked upon his business career, securing employment with a leather concern. His fidelity, ability and energy earned him promotion to the position of buyer and for seventeen years he was engaged in purchasing bark and hides in various parts of the country, thus coming into contact with men engaged in the lumber business. On coming to Jackson, Ohio, he accepted work as a laborer for one year, while looking over the field, and then embarked in the wholesale lumber business, in which he has been engaged to the present time with much success. Mr. Boggs has invested extensively in real estate, and in addition to his residence on East Broadway, Jackson, he is the owner of 116 acres of farming land at Vega, Ohio, 110 acres in Vinton County, Ohio, forty acres in Pike County, Ohio, five building lots in Garfield County, Oklahoma, and one lot in the City of Columbus, Ohio. He finds his recreation in traveling in the forests, in the interests of his lumber and timber business, and there has a wide acquaintance and many friends. A shrewd, capable and energetic business man, his operations have been carried on in a manner that has won him the entire confidence of his associates and those who have had dealings with him. He has taken a keen interest in the welfare of Jackson, and is one of the most enthusiastic members and zealous workers of the Boosters' Club. Mr. Boggs is an ardent adherent of temperance and a member of the Keeley League of Dwight, Illinois. His political connection is with the republican party, and his religious faith that of the United Brethren Church.

Mr. Boggs was married August 12, 1895, at the home of the bride in Maryland, to Miss Florence L. Duckworth, daughter of Horace Duckworth, and to this union there have been born eleven children: Matilda, Daisy Pearl, Herbert, Johnnie, Daniel, Florence, Dorothea, Harrison, Margaret, Lavenia Alien Hays, and a child who died in infancy.

Hillborn C. Miller. With the exception of three years, during which period he wore his country's uniform and participated as a brave and faithful soldier in the great struggle between the North and South, Hillborn C. Miller has spent his entire life in Jackson County, Ohio. Since 1870 he has been engaged in the insurance business at Jackson, excepting six years spent as probate judge, and for a long period he has also acted in the capacity of pension attorney. Whether as soldier, citizen or business man he has ably and conscientiously discharged every duty devolving upon him, and his long and honorable career has established him firmly in the esteem of his fellow-townspeople.

Hillborn C. Miller was born in Bluefield Township, Jackson County, Ohio, May 18, 1841, and is a son of Dr. James H. C. and Azuba (Carpenter) Miller. His father, born in Massachusetts, in 1800, was educated for the medical profession and when he attained his majority came to what was then the Western Reserve, now Medina County, Ohio. There he was engaged in practice until 1838, when he removed to Jackson County, and here was not only prominent in his profession, but took an active and leading part in the affairs of the republican party for many years. He died in 1880, respected and esteemed by all who knew him. Mrs. Miller was born in Vermont, in 1803, and died in 1877, in Jackson County, Ohio. There were six children in the family, as follows: Dr. Orlando C., who adopted his father's profession, practiced for many years, and died at Jackson; Dr. Sydenham F., also a physician, who removed to Iowa and there passed away; George W., a printer by vocation, who died at Jackson; Oliver S., who passed his life in mercantile pursuits and died at Jackson; James A., who is now retired from active life and a resident of Denver, Colorado; and Hillborn C., of this review.

Hillborn C. Miller attended the public schools of Jackson and remained under the parental roof until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Eighty-seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being corporal of Company E. After four months of service he was captured by the enemy, and when he was paroled and exchanged his regiment had disbanded. In 1863 he again enlisted for service, this time in Company D, of the First Ohio Heavy Artillery, of which he was orderly sergeant until transferred to Company G, of the same regiment, there taking rank as second lieutenant. He continued to serve with this organization until the close of the war.

Returning to the vocations of peace after securing his honorable discharge, Mr. Miller engaged in the printing business for two years, and then received the appointment to the position of assistant inspector of United States Revenues, being thus connected until 1870, when he en-

barked in the insurance business. This occupied his attention and activities until 1882, when he was elected probate judge of Jackson County, and continued to ably and impartially discharge the duties of that office until 1888, when he resumed operations in the insurance business, in which he has continued to the present time with ever-increasing success. He is accounted one of Jackson's substantial business men and as a citizen has lent his aid to every movement which has made for progress and advancement. In politics he is a stalwart republican. An earnest worker in the Methodist Church, which he joined in 1874, this has been his chief interest, aside from his home and his business, and at present he is a member of the official board. He has ever maintained an interest in the Grand Army of the Republic and holds membership in Francis Smith Post, No. 365, of Jackson. Mr. Miller is the owner of a comfortable home and five acres of land within the city limits.

On July 6, 1865, shortly after his return from the war, Mr. Miller was married at Jackson to Miss Anna M. Roberts, the daughter of Isaac and Mercy Roberts, of this city, and seven children have been born to them: James C., who is deceased; Margaret A., who resides with her parents; Cora A., who is now Mrs. H. A. Lloyd, of Chillicothe, Ohio; Arthur R., who is a conductor on the Hocking Valley Railroad and lives at Wellston, Ohio; Samuel A., who is a clerk in the offices of the Northwestern Railroad, at Chillicothe, Ohio; Ida P., who is deceased; and one child who died in infancy. The children were all well trained and fitted for the positions in life which they have been called upon to fill, and all have proven a credit to their rearing and the communities to which they belong.

John K. Hastings. On the 30th of April, 1914, John K. Hastings retired from the office of postmaster of Sciotoville, Scioto County, a position of which he had been the incumbent for nearly a decade and in which his efficient service had given him even stronger hold on popular confidence and esteem in the community that has long been his home. His career has been one of signal industry and usefulness; he gave valiant service as a soldier of the Union in the Civil war, and as a citizen he has always exemplified the utmost loyalty, with clear conceptions of those agencies and conditions that touch and affect the general welfare of the community. As one of the honored and representative citizens of the Hanging Rock Iron Region Mr. Hastings is properly given consideration in this publication.

John K. Hastings was born at Malden, Kanawha County, West Virginia, on the 25th of April, 1844, and is a son of Joel and Drusilla Hastings, both of English lineage and representatives of families early

founded in America. The father followed the vocation of borer of salt-wells during practically his entire active career, was a man of sterling character and resolute opinions and was a staunch whig in his political proclivities. Both he and his wife passed the closing period of their lives in West Virginia and the subject of this review is their only child.

The rudimentary education of John K. Hastings was acquired in the schools of his native state and he was a lad of twelve years when he first crossed over into Ohio, but later he continued his studies in the schools of West Virginia. In the winter of 1859-60 Mr. Hastings was residing at Ironton, Ohio, the present metropolis of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and when the Civil war was precipitated on the nation he promptly tendered his aid in defense of the Union, though he was but seventeen years of age at the time. In response to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, for a term of three months, Mr. Hastings enlisted as a private in Company A, First Ohio Cavalry, in which he served until the expiration of his term, John S. George having been captain of Company A, which was largely recruited in the vicinity of Ironton. The patriotic ardor of the young soldier had not waned in the comparatively brief period of his initial service, as shown by the fact that at the expiration of his term he enlisted, at Parkersburg, in Company K, Second West Virginia Cavalry, with which he served three years, taking part in numerous engagements and living up to the full tension of the great conflict through which national unity was preserved. After receiving his honorable discharge, only a short time prior to the close of the war, Mr. Hastings returned to Ohio and established his residence at Ironton, the judicial center of Lawrence County. In 1860 he had initiated an apprenticeship to the trade of boilermaking and sheet-iron work, and as a youthful veteran of the war he engaged in the work of his trade at Ironton, where he continued to maintain his home until 1883. He then removed to Sciotoville, where he soon afterward left his family with and under the care of their kinsfolk, while he himself went to Birmingham, Alabama, as an employe of the Williamson Iron Company. He remained at Birmingham six years, having in the meanwhile been there joined by his family, and at the expiration of that period he returned to Sciotoville, which has since represented his home and been the stage of his activities as a business man and public official. In Sciotoville Mr. Hastings was employed as a stationary engineer until 1905, when he was appointed postmaster of this thriving little city, a position in which he continued to serve, with all of circumspection and marked efficiency until a change in the administration of national politics brought about his retirement, on the 30th of April, 1914. No citizen of Sciotoville is better known and few can claim a wider circle of loyal

friends than Mr. Hastings, who has always given his influence and co-operation in the furtherance of measures projected for the best interests of the community.

It is scarcely necessary to state that Mr. Hastings has not been deflected from his stalwart allegiance to the cause of the republican party and that recent defections in its ranks have not met with his approval. He is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in his home city and he is serving as a member of its official board. Mr. Hastings served as a member of the city council of Ironton prior to his removal to the South, and at the present time he is collector for the United Fuel Gas Company and the Portsmouth Telephone Company at Sciotoville and of the Columbus Building & Loan Association, of Ohio's capital city. These incidental duties demanding the major part of his attention since his retirement from the position of postmaster. He is affiliated with Lawrence Lodge, No. 198, Free and Accepted Masons, in the City of Ironton, and was master of the same in 1882-3. He holds membership also in the Masonic chapter and council at Ironton and is president of the Masonic Past Masters' Association of Scioto County.

With the passing of years Mr. Hastings has permitted nothing to abate his interest in his old comrades of the Civil war, and this is indicated in his affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has served as a staff officer of the Department of Ohio, as well as in various offices in his local post at Ironton. In Company K of the Second West Virginia Cavalry Mr. Hastings held the office of duty sergeant, and he was one of thirty of his company who were the first to cross the Ohio River, at Point Pleasant, at the time of the war and to participate in the first battle between the contending forces in that state, the Battle of Scarey. There the first soldier of his company to meet death from Lawrence County on the battle field was Richard Lambert, in whose honor the Ironton post of the Grand Army of the Republic is named. Mr. Hastings is the owner of his attractive home in Sciotoville and the same is a favored rendezvous for his many valued and sterling friends.

On the 26th of March, 1866, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hastings to Miss Casandra Mathiot, who was born in the State of Pennsylvania and who continued as his devoted companion and helpmeet for nearly half a century, the supreme loss and bereavement of his life being that which came when she was summoned to the life eternal, on the 31st of January, 1914. Of the children the eldest is Laura, who is the wife of Nathan C. Terry; Willard is married and resides at Portsmouth, the judicial center of Scioto County; Leona is deceased; Eva M. is the wife of Frank H. Baumgardner, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Florence M. remains

at the paternal home; and Halsey B. is engaged in the drug business in Kentucky.

HENRY H. NOEL. The family of which Mr. Noel is a popular representative is one whose name has been long and prominently identified with the history of Scioto County, where it was founded in the very early pioneer days. He himself is a native of this county, and here he has found ample opportunity for successful enterprise and achievement, as shown by the prosperous business which he controls in his well equipped general merchandise store in Clay Township, the building utilized being likewise his own property. He is a progressive young man who has a host of friends in his native county and it is a pleasure to present in this publication brief record concerning his career.

Henry Hugh Noel was born on the old homestead farm of his father, in Clay Township, Scioto County, on the 3d of January, 1880, there having been three children, all sons, and he being the younger of the two now living; his brother, Hal Berton, was graduated in the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, and is now a successful horticulturist in Scioto County. Arthur Orrin, the other brother, died at the age of five years, and the parents, William H. H. and Mary (Huston) Noel, still reside on their farm, in Clay Township, being well known and highly esteemed citizens. The father was born in this county and the mother is a native of the State of Iowa.

The childhood and early youth of Henry H. Noel were compassed by the conditions and influences of the home farm and he continued his studies in the public schools of the locality until he was about eighteen years of age, after which he was identified in turn with farm and railroad work and later was employed in the shoe factory at Portsmouth. On the 15th of June, 1912, he established his present general merchandise business, and effective service has combined with fair and honorable dealing to enable him to build up a substantial and representative trade in the fine rural community in which his establishment is located.

Mr. Noel is aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party, is affiliated with Aurora Lodge, No. 48, in the City of Portsmouth; and both he and his wife hold membership in the Valley Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In February, 1902, Mr. Noel wedded Miss Ethel G. Gable, who was reared and educated in Clay Township and who is a daughter of Nicholas Gable, a prosperous farmer of Scioto County. Mr. and Mrs. Noel have five children, namely: Ethel L., Pauline V., Mary L., Hugh L., and Arthur P. B.

George B. Lee. In each of the various counties of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio are to be found men whose energy, progressiveness and business ability have given them prominence as leading exponents of the great basic industry of agriculture, and in Vinton County such a valued citizen is George Baker Lee, who has maintained his home in Swan Township for nearly forty years and who is the owner of one of the well improved and valuable landed estates of this county, where his character and achievement have marked him as altogether worthy of the unqualified popular esteem in which he is held.

Mr. Lee has the distinction of claiming the historic Old Dominion as the place of his nativity, though he was born in that section of Virginia that was later formed into the State of West Virginia. He is a scion of the patrician old Lee family whose name has been conspicuous in the history of Virginia and that of the nation, Gen. Robert E. Lee having been a representative of one branch of this distinguished family. Not far distant from Harper's Ferry, in what is now Jefferson County, West Virginia, George Baker Lee was born on the 5th of October, 1850. His father, James H. Lee, was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, on the 15th of October, 1807, and his father, Asahel Lee, was one of the prosperous planters and influential citizens of that county until the time of his death. James H. Lee was reared and educated in his native county, and as a young man he there wedded Miss Margaret Hensen, who died in middle life, all of the sons and daughters of this union being now deceased. For his second wife James H. Lee wedded Miss Rachel Baldwin, who was born in Maryland and who was a young woman at the time of her removal to Virginia, in company with her parents. After his second marriage James H. Lee continued his activities as an agriculturist in what is now Jefferson County, West Virginia, until after the birth of four of his children, and in 1852 he came with his family to Ohio, where he resided for a time in Guernsey and later in Noble County. From the latter county he removed to Muskingum County, where he purchased the old Hayden farm, upon which he continued to reside until after the close of the Civil war. In 1866 he removed to Coalgate, Hocking County, and in 1872 he established his residence on a farm in Athens County, where he continued to maintain his home until his death, which occurred in November, 1886, when he was seventy-nine years of age. His widow later sold the home farm, for which she received $100 an acre, and thereafter she passed three years in the home of her son George B., subject of this sketch. She then purchased a good residence property at Besmer, Hocking County, where she continued to maintain her home until her death, at the age of seventy-one years, both she and her husband having been earnest and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church

and having exemplified their deep Christian faith in their daily lives, which were marked by kindliness, sympathy and tolerance in judgment. Concerning their children brief record is given in the following paragraph:

Charles W. holds a position in the capitol of the State of Ohio, in the City of Columbus, and has a family; Margaret A. is the wife of Jacob Errick, a prosperous farmer of Swan Township, Vinton County, Ohio, and they have children; James W., who owns and operates a saw mill at Coalgate, Hocking County, has three sons and three daughters; George B., of this review, was the next in order of birth; Harrison is an able physician and surgeon and is engaged in the practice of his profession at Athens, Ohio, his children being one son and three daughters; Sarah is the wife of Hiram Wilson, a carpenter and contractor residing at Groveport, Ohio, and they have a large family of children; Catherine is the wife of George Phillips, a farmer in Vinton County, and they have sons and daughters.

George B. Lee was reared under the benignant discipline and influences of the farm and has never severed his allegiance to the basic industry of agriculture, through the medium of which he has found adequate opportunities for the achieving of substantial success and definite independence. He has been a resident of Swan Township, Vinton County, since 1878 and has owned and lived upon his present fine farmstead for nearly thirty years of this period, the while he has shown his strength and versatility in the carrying forward of agricultural and live-stock operations with great sagacity, progressiveness and success. His homestead place, one of the model farms of this section of the Buckeye State, comprises 237 acres, and the total area of his valuable landed estate is 524 acres. The home farm has good buildings, including an attractive residence of eight rooms and a bank barn that is 77 by 35 feet in dimensions. His land gives fine yields of the various cereals and other agricultural products and he also gives much care and attention to the raising of excellent grades of live stock, including Hereford cattle and also horses, sheep and swine. The farm is effectively drained through the medium of Raccoon Creek and is to be traversed by the new state turnpike road between Logan and McArthur. His home is supplied with modern appointments and facilities, with free-delivery of mail on rural route from McArthur and with service from two lines of telephone. Mr. Lee has shown a loyal interest in community affairs, is aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party and has served with marked efficiency as a member of the school board of his district, as well as treasurer of the same.

Near Hemlock, Perry County, Ohio, in the year 1873, was solemnized

the marriage of Mr. Lee to Miss Charlotte Priest, who was born in Muskingum County, this state, on the 8th of April, 1855, but who was reared and educated in Perry County. She is a daughter of Harrison and Jemima (Wilson) Priest, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Ohio. The maiden name of the first wife of Mr. Priest was McCleary, and she died within a short time after her marriage, leaving three children. From Muskingum County Mr. Priest removed with his family to Perry County, where his children were reared to adult age, and finally he and his wife came to Vinton County, where they passed the residue of their long and worthy lives in Swan Township. They were folk of sterling worth of character and commanded the high regard of all who knew them. Mr. Priest was a democrat in his political proclivities and his wife was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lee brief data are given in the concluding paragraph of this article.

Harrison D., who holds a position as motorman in the street-railway service in the City of Columbus, Ohio, married Miss Flora Hitt, and they have two children,—Flora and Etta. Dr. William H. was graduated in Starling Medical College, the present medical department of the University of Ohio, and is now engaged in the successful practice of his profession at Plain City, Madison County, Ohio, the maiden name of his wife having been Anna Cody. Charles E., who resides at McArthur, the judicial center of Vinton County, holds the office of township clerk. He wedded Miss Alice McVey and they have one daughter, Anna B. George Riley Lee, who is one of the progressive farmers of Swan Township, married Miss Clara Ross and they have one son, Herbert C. F. Walter, who is a popular teacher in the public schools in the Village of Dundas, Vinton County, married Miss Mary Falkner, and their one child is a son, Francis E. Clyde is identified with farming and with the operation of an oil well in Vinton County, his home being in Jackson Township. He wedded Miss Ora Horton and they have one son, Maxwell M. John R., who attained to his legal majority on the 11th of December, 1915, completed a course in the high school at McArthur and now assists in the work and management of the home farm. Ida M. is the wife of Valentine Rheinsheild, a farmer of Vinton County, and they have four children,—William, Callie, Baker and Kenneth. Eva became the wife of Arthur Tinsley and died shortly after the birth of her only child, who survived her by only a week. Alice remains at the parental home. Bertha was a successful teacher in the public schools for two years prior to her marriage to Ray Griffith, of Perry County, where they now reside on their farm, their two children being Charlotte and

Catherine. Emma, the youngest of the children, is a member of the class of 1919 in the high school at McArthur.

Hon. Henry W. Coultrap. In the judiciary of the Hanging Rock Region of Ohio there is no more justly honored name than that of Hon. Henry W. Coultrap, judge of the county court of Vinton County. Legist, jurist, energetic and influential citizen, temperance leader and factor in every movement making for advancement in morality, education and good citizenship, he has endeared himself to his fellowmen and fully and honorably won their confidence. No work relating to the representative men of this part of Ohio would be complete without a review of the circumstances of his busy, useful and successful life.

Judge Coultrap is of revolutionary stock and of English descent, his great-great-grandfather having come to America long before the winning of American independence from England. His son, William Coultrap, was born at Ligonier, Pennsylvania, from whence he went to Harpers Ferry, Virginia (now West Virginia), subsequently moving to Harrison County, Ohio, and settling on a new farm in the vicinity of Deersville. There the remaining years of his life were passed in agricultural pursuits, his death occurring about the year 1824, when he was seventy-five years of age. Before leaving Pennsylvania he had been married to Mary Holtz, who was born in the Keystone State, of German parents, and who died at Deersville, Ohio, when in advanced years. The great-grandparents were faithful members of the Methodist Church.

Henry Coultrap was born in Pennsylvania, accompanied the family to Virginia, and later to Ohio, and in the latter state was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Cramblit. For many years Henry Coultrap was engaged in following the trade of carpenter at Zanesville, Muskingum County, and there both he and his wife died when well advanced in years.

William Coultrap, the father of Judge Coultrap, and son of Henry Coultrap, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, in August, 1821, there grew to manhood and was educated in the public schools, and was married February 23, 1844, to Miss Rebecca Wilson, who was born May 29, 1817, in that county, daughter of James Wilson, a pioneer farmer and stockraiser of Muskingum County. Under the preceptorship of his father, he early learned the trade of carpenter and became a skilled mechanic, and shortly after his marriage went to Morgan County, Ohio, where, April 22, 1848, his eldest son and second child, Henry W., was born. Later he returned to Muskingum County, residing there and following his trade until 1851, when he came to Vinton County, and settled on a farm in Jackson Township. The quiet pursuits of the farmer occu-

pied his attention and energies until the Civil war came on to disturb the even routine of men's lives, and he became a participant in that struggle, donning the uniform of blue and joining the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he saw a service of ninety days. On receiving his honorable discharge he returned to his farm, where the rest of his active life was passed, and where his wife died in 1894, at the age of seventy-seven years. William Coultrap died at the home of his son, Judge Coultrap, in February, 1910, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. In the family there were the following children: Harriet, who married Mathias W. Smith, both now being deceased; Henry W.; Prof. Fletcher S., a member of the faculty and head of the preparatory department at Ohio State University, Athens, who is married and has a family; Mariah, who is the wife of Fred Amerine of Lancaster, Ohio, and the mother of a son and daughter; and Professor McKendre, who has the chair of mathematics at Northwestern College, Naperville, Illinois, is married but has no children.

Henry W. Coultrap grew up on the home farm and received his preliminary educational training in the country schools. After some further preparation, he entered Ohio State University, at Athens, from which he was graduated in 1871, and later began his legal studies under Hon. H. C. Jones, now deceased, who was long a member of the McArthur bar. Admitted to practice in 1875, Judge Coultrap began his professional labors at McArthur, and soon was recognized as one of the forceful, learned and thorough attorneys of this locality. His first elevation to the bench came in 1885, when his fellow-citizens, in recognition of his ability and integrity, elected him judge of the judicial district embracing the counties of Athens, Gallia, Meigs, Monroe, Vinton and Washington. In 1899 he was again elected to this office, for a term of five years, this time without opposition. At the expiration of his term he returned to his practice, but in 1914 was again called to the bench, this time as judge of the County Court of Vinton County. His tenure of office is for six years, this having become a law January 1, 1914. A man of the highest character, of unusual intellectual endowments, with a thorough understanding of the law, with distinctive patience, energy and urbanity, he has brought to the county bench the very highest qualifications, and his record has been in harmony with his character as a lawyer and a man, distinguished alike by unswerving integrity and a masterful grasp of legal problems.

Aside from—or connected with—his judicial labors, Judge Coultrap has ever taken a commendable interest in whatever tends to promote the welfare of the community in which he lives. A warm friend of education, he has been a member of the local school board, and was

appointed a member of the state board of trustees of Ohio State University by Governor Bushnell, at the suggestion of United States Senator Foraker. He has served also in the capacity of city solicitor and in other public offices, and in each has labored faithfully and conscientiously in the best interests of the people. The judge has always been a stalwart and unswerving republican.

Judge Coultrap was married in 1880, at New Plymouth, Ohio, to Miss Millie M. Hughes, who was born near New Plymouth, and died at McArthur. She was a daughter of the Rev. David and Susan P. (Lee) Hughes, the latter a cousin of ex-Lieut.-Gov. John C. Lee, of Toledo, Ohio, and the former a Presbyterian preacher, of Scotch stock, who for many years ministered to the spiritual needs of the people of Vinton County. Mrs. Coultrap was reared as a Presbyterian, but later adopted the faith of the Methodist Church, in which she died. She was the mother of four children: Harry, Bernice, Manley and Anna. Harry Coultrap, a graduate of the University of Colorado, at Boulder, was for three years head of the department of history at Elgin, Illinois, was for one year superintendent of the public schools of McArthur, and for the past four years has been superintendent of public schools at Geneva, Illinois, at an annual salary of $2,200. He married Miss Anna Will, daughter of Aaron and Minnie Will, and they have two sons: James and Paul. Bernice Coultrap, a graduate of the Ohio State University, at Athens, taught for several years in the public schools of Zanesville, prior to her marriage to Benjamin C. Gerwick, a graduate in civil engineering of Ohio State University, who is now superintendent of construction at Sacramento, California. They have one daughter: Betty. Manley Coultrap, a graduate of Ohio State University, taught in the high school at Aurora, Illinois, for two years, and is now a teacher at Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona. He is single. Anna, a graduate of the normal department of the Ohio State University, is now a teacher in the primary department of the Youngstown (Ohio) High School.

Judge Coultrap was again married, in Gallia County, Ohio, to Miss Frances Gibbons, a graduate of Wesleyan College, Delaware, Ohio, and a teacher before her marriage. She is a daughter of the late Rev. William H. Gibbons, who was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Conference for many years, but who retired some years before his death. Two children have been born to this union: William G., who is now attending the graded schools; and Elizabeth.

Judge and Mrs. Coultrap are leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the judge being a member of the board of trustees and a liberal contributor to religious and charitable movements. Fraternally, he belongs to McArthur Lodge No. 207, Ancient Free and

Accepted Masons, of which he is past master; McArthur Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Subordinate Lodge No. 364, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

William M. Willis. Among the business men of Ironton who have established themselves firmly in the public confidence through their integrity and fair dealing, William M. Willis, blacksmith and wagon manufacturer, is deserving of more than passing mention. Coming here as a stranger, in 1902, he accepted employment in a humble capacity, soon won the esteem and respect of those with whom he came into contact, and from that time to the present his popularity has steadily increased. He is the fortunate possessor of those qualities which are essential to success in any line of business, and in addition has manifested public-spirited citizenship which makes him a desirable resident of his adopted community.

Mr. Willis was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, September 23, 1876, and is a son of Edward and Helen (Corm) Willis. His father was born in Kentucky in 1854 and has spent his entire life in Greenup County, where he is a successful tiller of the soil. Mrs. Willis, who was born in Greenup County in 1858, died in 1884, the mother of four children: Jacob, Edith, William M. and Viola. Edward Willis was married the second time to Hilda Adams, who still survives, and they have been the parents of five children: John, Gertie, Luther, Maggie and George.

Until he was sixteen years of age William M. Willis attended the public schools of Greenup County, in the meantime, as was the custom with Kentucky farmers' sons, assisting his father with the work of the home farm during the summer months. Following the completion of his education, he concentrated his attention upon farming on the family homestead, where he remained until attaining his majority, at which time, deciding that he did not care for an agricultural life, he entered the machine shops of the C. & O. Railroad, at Huntington, West Virginia. Eighteen months later Mr. Willis went to the West and for one year was employed as a bookkeeper in Denver, Colorado, but at the end of that time came to Ohio, and for eight months was an engineer at the mines at Blackfork. In 1902 Mr. Willis came to Ironton and entered the employ of Compton Brothers, wagon manufacturers, his first salary being fifty cents per day. He was advanced from time to time, and finally, in 1911, feeling himself qualified to enter business on his own account, purchased the business from his employers, and has continued to conduct the enterprise under his own name, with a constantly increasing trade. This is now one of the firmly established ventures of Ironton, the plant, machinery and stock being valued at $12,000.

and its success must be accredited to Mr. Willis' forceful and energetic personality, his excellent workmanship and the honorable manner in which he has met each of his engagements.

Mr. Willis was married to Miss Eziouria Dingness, in 1890, who died in 1898, having been the mother of three children: Imogene, who is deceased; Maxine, a student in the schools of Cleveland, Ohio; and Cletine, who is deceased. Mr. Willis was married a second time to Sallie Forte, June 16, 1901, she being a daughter of Kit Forte, a farmer of West Virginia, and four children have come to them: Clifford, Buford, Merrill and Pauline. Mr. and Mrs. Willis and their children reside in their own comfortable home at No. 320 Monroe Street and are members of the First Baptist Church. He is a democrat in politics, holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce, and is fraternally identified with the Masons, in which he has reached the Knight Templar degree; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Junior Order United American Mechanics and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Mr. Willis may claim a record which it is probable can be equalled by few: He attended the second wedding of his father, the second wedding of his great-grandfather, Seymour Hardy, and the second wedding of his grandfather, who married the daughter of John Young, who was a color-bearer for General George Washington during the American Revolution.

William H. Weidner. To the community of Porter Township in Scioto County William H. Weidner is known not only as a practical and successful farmer, but as an auctioneer, a public spirited citizen, and a man whose service on more than one occasion and in various capacities has been useful to the public.

William H. Weidner was born at Wheeling, West Virginia, April 6, 1869, a son of William H. and Rosa C. (Piehler) Weidner. Both parents were natives of Germany, came to the United States when young, were married at Wheeling in 1868, and in 1878 moved to Scioto County, Ohio, locating on Dogwood Ridge in Porter Township. That was their home the rest of their lives. The mother died February 26, 1913, and the father on February 26, 1910. The senior Weidner was a blacksmith by trade, and from work in that line saved enough to buy forty acres of land, and subsequently purchased forty acres more. There were two children. Anna C., the daughter, is a graduate of the common schools and is the widow of Edward Poetker, and the mother of six children.

William H. Weidner grew up on a farm at Dogwood Ridge, was educated in the common schools and began early in life to support himself and acquire the experience and capital needed for an independent career.

For ten or twelve years he worked for others, and finally bought land of his own and began his independent career.

On June 6, 1900, he married Rena F. Allard, who was born in Porter Township, Scioto County, March 9, 1870, and was educated in the common schools with two years in the High School. They are the parents of seven children: Harry E., born March 25, 1901; Claudius M., born March 30, 1902; Dorothy A., born March 25, 1904; Millard A., born October 15, 1907; Pauline L., born April 24, 1909; Luella M., born February 28, 1911, and William Andre, born December 1, 1915.

Mr. Weidner is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Dogwood Ridge, and his wife belongs to the Christian Church in Scioto-ville. He is present master and is also a past master of Western Sun Lodge No. 91, Free & Accepted Masons, and also belongs to the Grand Lodge of Masonry. Mr. Weidner owns ninety-eight acres of land three miles northeast of Wheelersburg, and besides the management of his excellent farm is frequently called to perform auctioneer work. He is the present incumbent of the office of superintendent of the County Infirmary. In politics he is a republican, and was a director of the Infirmary four years. He is a member of the Porter Grange No. 1671, and was its master for two years.

George W. Karns. For more than four score years the Karns family has been identified with the Hanging Rock Iron Region and one of the oldest living native sons of Vinton County is George W. Karns, who is a grandson of the original immigrant to this section. George W. Karns has now reached the age of three score and ten and having always enjoyed a generous prosperity through his efforts as a farmer and business man is able to live quietly and without effort beyond that which will satisfy his energetic disposition.

His ancestors were Virginians. His great-grandfather, Michael Karns, was born either in Holland or in Germany and arrived in the American colonies before the Revolutionary war. He took part in that war as an American soldier and with an official rank. He spent most of his years after coming to America in Virginia, and in his family were two sons, Fred and Nicholas. Fred was also a pioneer in Southern Ohio. Grandfather Nicholas Karns was born in Virginia about the time the Revolutionary war began, grew up in Pochahontas County, and married a Virginia girl whose first name was Lena. While they lived in old Virginia three children were born named Henry, Catherine and Cornelius. Then in 1802 the family moved to Greenbrier County in what is now West Virginia, locating about five miles from Lewisburg. While there three other children were born, John, Sarah and Caleb. All these chil-

dren grew to maturity and all married except Sarah. Henry in early manhood moved to Pennsylvania, where he married, and afterwards went west to Iowa City and died there. Caleb and John both married in Virginia and the former moved to Missouri where he died, while John spent his last years in Ohio. Catherine was first married in Virginia, but after separating from her husband came to Ohio and married Lewis Clark and spent her last years in Vinton County. Sarah died in Vinton County unmarried, and all the children were quite old.

A fact which should be recorded of grandfather Nicholas Karns is that he was a blacksmith, and fully a hundred years ago, while still living in Virginia, he assisted in putting on the first solid tires on wheel felloes. Up to that time the custom had been to put the iron tires on in strips instead of a complete band, and so far as known this Virginian blacksmith helped to do the first job of the kind in the country.

Cornelius Karns, who was born in old Virginia in August, 1801, only a few months before the family moved to Western Virginia, grew up in Greenbriar County and lived there until he was about thirty-one. For a number of years he worked as a teamster. He was still unmarried when he accompanied his parents and other families to Vinton County, Ohio. They made the journey in an old fashioned mover's wagon and were several weeks on the road. They arrived at the present site of the Village of Creola in Swan Township January 10, 1833. Here they acquired a partly improved tract of land, with a two-story hewed log house. It was in that house, which was superior to the usual type of structure then found in this section of Ohio, that Nicholas Karns spent the rest of his days. In politics he was a whig. After getting settled in Vinton County Mr. Karns went to Gallia County, Ohio, and married there Christina Swisher. She was born either in Virginia or in Gallia County, Ohio, in 1808. She was reared in Gallia County, and was an aunt to Congressman Robert M. Swisher of that county. After his marriage Cornelius Karns brought his bride to Swan Township where he had previously secured a tract of 120 acres including what is now the village site of Creola. Here he and his wife labored hard and developed a large property comprising 600 acres lying around Creola. The village is built on a part of this land and a station was located there in 1880 when the Hocking Valley Railroad was completed. Cornelius Karns was one of the early subscribers to the construction of this railroad, while it was being promoted by William Langley, and lost about all he put into it, since the first and second attempt to construct the line were failures. At the old homestead Cornelius Karns died January 12, 1881, when in his eightieth year. His wife passed away in September, 1868, at the age of sixty. He was a strong republican in politics and took a very active

part in local affairs, serving as trustee of Swan Township, and his integrity and business judgment caused him to be frequently called upon to administer estates.

Though sixty-one years of age at the time Cornelius Karns volunteered for service in the Civil war, and became captain of Company F in the 114th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He fought at Arkansas Post and also in the first engagements around Vicksburg, but after about six months of service he resigned his commission. His son, John S., was in the Seventy-fifth Regiment, Company I and campaigned in the eastern division. He was in the second Bull Run and Gettysburg battles. He joined his old comrades at their fiftieth celebration at Gettysburg in 1913.

Cornelius Karns and wife had eight children: John S. lives in Corning, Iowa, and has several children. Mary has never married. Catherine died unmarried in Vinton County at the age of seventy-two. Virginia died in infancy. Rebecca is the widow of John Moore and lives with her children in Columbus. George W. comes next in age. Eliza died young, and Samuel Vinton lives at the old home and is a farmer near Creola.

George W. Karns was born in the old hewed log house already mentioned at Creola, November 9, 1846. He acquired only a limited education in such schools as were maintained here during his youth, and for a number of years he helped manage the large estate of his father, and subsequently acquired an independent interest in a portion of it, and for many years has been a successful general farmer and stock raiser. He and his sons now own 335 acres of fine land in the vicinity of Creola. With his children he resides in a fine nine-room house built according to strictly modern plans, and Mr. Karns and his sons constructed the house with their own hands, and there is no better piece of carpentry work in the county.

In politics he has been a republican and has cast his vote forty-seven times in his home district and township, where practically his entire life has been spent.

Mr. Karns married a neighbor girl and schoolmate, Mary Defigh, who was born October 19, 1842, in the same school district as her husband, and has never lived in any other one community. She was a warm hearted and devoted wife and mother, and it was a severe loss to her family and large circle of friends when she passed away July 20, 1913. She was reared a Methodist, but later for many years was an active member of the Christian Church and died in that faith. Her parents were Philip and Elizabeth (Dawson) Defigh, both of whom were born at Dawson Castle in Ireland. As a boy Philip Defigh joined the English

navy and at the age of fourteen was on one of the English boats at New Orleans during the battle which closed the war. He later returned to Ireland, married there, and they had their honeymoon in a six weeks' voyage crossing the Atlantic Ocean to America. They landed in Baltimore in 1826. Philip Defigh was a weaver by trade, an occupation he followed in Maryland, but later moved to Muskingum County, Ohio, and a few years after that to Swan Township in Vinton County, where he acquired a forty-acre farm. He died at the age of seventy-five and his widow at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Karns, at the age of seventy-nine. They were active Methodists. Their six children, three sons and three daughters, grew up in Swan Township and all of them were married except one daughter and one son. Two of Mrs. Karns' brothers served as soldiers in the Civil war, Samuel Defigh in Company B of the Ninetieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and James J. Defigh was a captain of Company L Twelfth Ohio Cavalry from 1863 until end of the war.

The children of Mr. Karns are: Charles C., who is unmarried and lives with his father and is a general merchant at Creola; Lizzie, who is also interested in the general store and besides helping in its management is housekeeper for her father and brothers; John, who is a partner in the store at Creola, and lives at home; and Cora, who married George Wagner and they live on a farm in the State of Minnesota, Mr. Wagner by a former marriage having a daughter, Virginia, now twelve years of age.

Thomas Hartman. A business man at Lucasville, Thomas Hartman has been successfully engaged as a livery man and undertaker in Scioto County for the past fourteen years, and in that time an increasing community has come to put a high value on his services and his thorough integrity as a factor in local affairs.

Thomas Hartman was born at Wheelersburg, Ohio, September 23, 1855. His parents were Daniel and Margaret J. (Sreet) Hartman, the former from Virginia and the latter a native of Scioto County, Ohio. His father was for many years well known in Wheelersburg as a harness maker, and died in that village at the age of eighty-five, while his wife was eighty-nine when death called her. Of their eleven children, six are still living: Caroline, unmarried; Ruth, unmarried; Margaret, wife of Charles Long of Freeport, Illinois; John, of Wheelersburg; Thomas; C. M., who lives in Northern Ohio.

Thomas Hartman was reared in Wheelersburg and was educated in the public schools. He began the undertaking business at Wheelersburg in 1902, and in 1903 moved his establishment to Lucasville. He keeps an up-to-date livery and has all the facilities for first-class service.

Mr. Hartman is a graduate of a regular school of embalming, and is a careful and conscientious practitioner.

In 1879 he married Ruby Chaffin, who was born in Green Township, Scioto County. They have three living children: Lucy, wife of R. G. Mahaffey; Fannie M., wife of Richard Fite of Clairton, Pennsylvania; and Claude T., who married Carmen Decker of Columbus, and is associated with his father in business in Lucasville. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Hartman is affiliated with Lucasville Lodge No. 465, Free and Accepted Masons. In politics he is a republican.

Michael Corkery. Thirty-nine years of connection with the coal business at Wellston has given Michael Corkery a broad and extensive acquaintance in commercial circles of Jackson County and entitles him to mention among the men who have developed the coal industry of the Hanging Rock Iron Region. While his activities have been devoted almost unreservedly to the coal business, he has found time to perform the duties of good citizenship and to aid in the promotion of enterprises for the public welfare.

Mr. Corkery is a Kentuckian by nativity, born at Ashland, Boyd County, August 5, 1858, and is a son of the late Andy and Mary (Farbery) Corkery, natives of Kentucky, the latter being of German descent. There were nine children in the family, namely: Kathryn, Marion, Bridget, Hannah, Ella, Rose, Andy, William and Michael. Michael Corkery grew up at Ashland, where he secured the advantages of a public school education, and as a youth of twenty years, in 1878, left his native state and came to Wellston, where he entered the coal business. Through energy and ability he has succeeded in the development of a profitable and prosperous business, and by reason of his integrity and straightforward dealing has established an excellent reputation among his fellow-men.

Mr. Corkery married Miss Mary MacWayne, and they became the parents of the following children: Mary E., William and Daniel, all of whom have their homes in Cincinnati, Ohio.

William L. Schweickart. As president and general manager of the Schweickart Lumber Company, this well known citizen of Lawrence County holds distinctive prestige as one of the representative business men of the City of Ironton, the while his sterling loyalty and civic progressiveness mark him as a citizen fully entitled to the status which he securely maintains in popular esteem.

Though he has been a resident of Lawrence County from his child-

hood, Mr. Schweickart was born at Dover, Kentucky, on the 28th of October, 1871. He is a son of Frederick and Louisa (Fridley) Schweickart, the former of whom was born in Germany, in 1833, and the latter of whom was born near Ripley, Brown County, Ohio, in 1838. Frederick Schweickart came to Lawrence County, Ohio, when he was about twenty-five years of age, and he became one of the successful contractors and builders of this section of the state, besides which he served many years as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ironton Hospital. He was an honored and venerable citizen of Ironton at the time of his death, which occurred in 1907, and his widow still resides in this city. The names of their nine children are as follows: George, Lena, Charles, Maggie, William L., Albert, Frank, Amelia and Otto.

William L. Schweickart attended the public schools of Lawrence County until he had attained to the age of fifteen years, and thereafter he gained practical experience by becoming a newsboy in Ironton, a dignified position which he held four years. Thereafter he was employed in clerical positions for two years, at the expiration of which he became a machine operator in the plant of the Ironton Wood Mantel Company. Two years later he became associated with his father in the contracting and buildng business, under the firm name of Schweickart & Son, and after four years his father retired from active business and left the enterprise to be continued successfully by William L. until 1913, when he became associated with Edward Kurtz and William A. Ault in the organization and incorporation of the Schweickart Lumber Company, which bases its operations on a capital stock of $15,000 and which has built up a substantial and prosperous enterprise, Mr. Schweickart being president and manager of the company, Mr. Kurtz vice president and Mr. Ault secretary and treasurer, Mr. Schweickart is president also of the South Side Building & Loan Company, and a stockholder of the German Building & Loan Company, besides which he is a member of the directorate of the South Side Theater Company. He still continues active operations as one of the leading contractors and builders in Ironton and here he is the owner of four houses and lots besides his own attractive residence and his interest in the mill and yards of the Schweickart Lumber Company.

Mr. Schweickart is an active and valued member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce, is a republican in his political allegiance, served two years as a member of the Ironton Board of Public Works, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Seven Wise Men, and the Knights of Pythias, and both he and his wife hold membership in Emanuel Methodist Episcopal Church.

January 18, 1899, recorded the marriage of Mr. Schweickart to Miss

Rozzie McCarty, daughter of Michael and Jane McCarty, of Scioto County, and the three children of this union are: Paul G., George G., and Phyllis Irene.

James Mayhew. A worthy representative of the agricultural interests of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, a citizen who has proved his patriotism in times of both war and peace, and a member of a family that has been well known and favorably regarded in this section for many years, is James Mayhew, who is residing on his well-cultivated farm in Franklin Township, Jackson County. Mr. Mayhew is a Pennsylvanian by nativity, having been born at Burgettsville, Washington County, January 20, 1838, a son of Hiram and Elizabeth (Wilson) Mayhew.

The Mayhew family was founded in this country at an early day, in New England, from whence the grandparents of James Mayhew emigrated to Washington County, Pennsylvania, as early settlers. Subsequently, after some years, they went to West Virginia and settled on a farm one-half mile from Parkersburg, where they spent the remaining years of their lives. Among their children were four sons: John, Truman, Hiram and Walker. Hiram Mayhew remained a resident of Pennsylvania until the year 1855, when he came to Ohio accompanied by his family and purchased lot No. 9, in Franklin Township, Jackson County, only a few acres of which property were cleared. While he had never served an apprenticeship to a skilled trade, he was a natural mechanic, was skilled in the use of various tools, and after some years of work as a carpenter developed into a contractor and builder. At that time there were no sawmills in the near vicinity, and Mr. Mayhew hewed the timber for the greater number of buildings which he erected, as well as for railroad bridges and other structures. He was a man of great energy, capable of accomplishing a great deal of hard work, and while continuing his building operations also superintended the work on his farm, which he brought to a high state of cultivation and productiveness. Mr. Mayhew married Miss Elizabeth Wilson, who was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Fullerton) Wilson, who came from Pennsylvania to Jackson County, Ohio, about the year 1840, locating in the northwest part of Franklin township, where the father purchased 200 acres of land, and where he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives, dying at a ripe, old age. Mrs. Mayhew died when still in the prime of life, but her husband survived until the age of eighty-seven years and remained active almost until the last. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Mary Ann, James, Joseph, Robert and Richard.

James Mayhew received his education in the public schools of Wash-

ington County, Pennsylvania, and was seventeen years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents. After attaining his majority he became associated with his father in contracting and building, having received his business training under the elder man's instruction, and remained with him until May 14, 1864, when he enlisted in Company I, 172d Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His services as a soldier during the Civil war were largely confined to patrol and guard duty on the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers, and his service lasted until September 24, 1864, when he received his honorable discharge, with an excellent record.

While Mr. Mayhew's operations as a contractor had been successful, he had shown a predilection for farming, and had previously purchased a tract of twenty-six acres of land adjoining the homestead of his father, where there were located a small unfinished frame house and a log barn. After completing the house and furnishing it, he was married, but misfortune overtook him soon thereafter, fire completely destroying the residence and its contents. Mr. Mayhew had only limited means at this time and the blow was a severe one, but kind neighbors soon came to his relief and in a short time another house was erected and furnished and Mr. Mayhew resumed his agricultural operations. In this line he has been very successful, and now has a handsome tract of 310 acres, finely cultivated, well stocked, and furnished with excellent buildings and modern equipment. An honest, industrious, hard-working citizen, Mr. Mayhew's success has come to him as a result of his own labors only, and in its accumulation he has had at all times the regard and friendship of all with whom he has come into contact.

Mr. Mayhew married Miss Ory Ann Howe, who was born at Galena, Illinois, daughter of Henry and Harriet (Hale) Howe, the former of whom was a teamster and for many years lived in Lick Township, Jackson County, Ohio. Mrs. Howe died when Mrs. Mayhew was an infant, and the latter was reared in the home of her maternal aunt, Mrs. Tacy Bunn. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mayhew: Ida T., who married Asa Farrar and has had four children: Frank, Margaret, Talmadge and James Roy, the last named of whom died in infancy; Frank, who married Eliza Schellenberger and has two children: Inez and Clyde; Charles, who married Harriet Rogers and has four children, Cyril, Gladys, Marie and one other; and Inez and Ernest, who reside with their parents. Mr. Mayhew has not been a politician in regard to office seeking, but has supported the men and measures of the republican party ever since he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln.

David E. Fri. Amid all the changes and chances of this mortal life he whose privilege it is to cause the kindly earth to bring forth its increase

may well consider himself favored, and such a privilege has been granted to Mr. Fri in his native county, where he stands as one of the progressive and representative agriculturists and stock-growers, with a well improved landed estate of large area. He is one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of Vinton County, which has been his home from the time of his birth, and he is here the owner of fine farm property, in Swan and Elk Townships. His well improved homestead farm is eligibly situated in Swan Township, near the Village of Creola, and in addition to his prominence as an agriculturist he has served as mail carrier on rural route, No. 1, from Creola, for the long period of thirteen years and from the time this route was established, in 1903. Mr. Fri states that in his entire services on this route there was only one day's duties omitted. He is one of the vital, enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Vinton County and on the maternal side is a scion of one of the old and influential families of the county. His father is deceased.

Jacob F. Frick, maternal grandfather, was born and reared in Baden-Baden, Germany, and as a young man he immigrated to America, the voyage having been made on a sailing vessel from which he in due time disembarked in the port of New York City. He established his residence near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, a brother who had accompanied him to America having made his way to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he married and where he passed the residue of his life, a number of his children having survived him. Jacob Frederick Frick had married several years prior to coming to the United States, and was accompanied by his wife and children. It was in the early '30s that he thus left his German fatherland and after remaining a few years in the old Keystone State he came with his family to Ohio and settled in that part of Hocking County which was later organized as Vinton County. Here he became one of the pioneer settlers of Swan Township, where he instituted the reclamation of a farm from a virtual wilderness and where he continued his activities as an agriculturist until his death, which occurred a number of years prior to the Civil war. His widow, Mrs. Christina Barbara Frick survived him by forty years and was still a resident of Swan Township at the time of her death, at a venerable age. Both were zealous communicants of the German Lutheran Church and were influential in the establishing and maintenance of a church of this denomination in Hocking County. Of their children Caroline E., mother of the subject of this review, is now the only one living. Two sisters have become residents of Illinois.

Caroline E. Frick was born on the old homestead in Swan Township, in 1842, and she maintains her residence in the Village of Creola, and her circle of friends being limited only by that of her acquaintances.

She was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, later became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for a number of years she has been actively identified with the Church of The Reorganized Latter Day Saints. Though she is now venerable in years she retains fine command of her mental and physical powers and is one of the well known pioneer women of Vinton County—one who has been a devoted mother and who has given to her children the best possible advantages.

David E. Fri was born in Swan Township, Vinton County, on the 18th of January, 1862, was here reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and after profiting duly from the advantages afforded in the public schools he availed himself of those of the normal school at Lebanon, Warren County. After leaving this institution he put his scholastic attainments to practical use by entering the pedagogic profession, of which he continued a successful and popular representative as a teacher in the schools of Vinton County for a period of nineteen years, besides which he served for some time as a member of the County Board of School Examiners. He has continued to take a deep interest in educational affairs and has done all in his power to further the advancement of the schools of his native county. Upon leaving the work of the school room Mr. Fri was appointed the first carrier on rural free-delivery route No. 1, having its base at Creola, and he has since continued the incumbent of this position, his salary being that of a standard route. During a service that has covered a period of thirteen years he has proved a most efficient and popular representative of the rural mail system in Vinton County, and he daily traverses a route of twenty-five miles.

The homestead farm of Mr. Fri is situated at the corner of cross-roads one mile from the Village of Creola, and is a place of much local historic interest. It is on Raccoon Creek and is the old Rager homestead, which was settled in the early '30s and on which formerly stood an old-time tavern or inn, known as the Red House, this place of entertainment for wayfarers having long stood as one of the landmarks of Vinton County. This farm comprises seventy acres, and Mr. Fri owns in Swan Township another farm, of fifty-two acres, and still another of forty acres, besides which he is the owner of forty-two acres in Elk Township, so that the total area of his landed estate is in excess of 200 acres. He has shown his progressiveness and good judgment in the improving of his farm property, which he has brought up to a high standard and over which he continues to maintain a general supervision. On his homestead place he has a commodious and substantial residence of eleven rooms, and all other farm buildings are of excellent order and kept in the best of repair. Mr. Fri is known as one of the thrifty and prosperous farmers and stock-growers of this section of the state and takes

just pride in his achievement as a farmer, as does he also in having been able to give to his children the best of advantages. He is a broad-guaged and public-spirited citizen, is a democrat in his political allegiance and he and his family hold membership in the Church of The Reorganized Latter Day Saints.

In Swan Township the year 1887 bore record of the marriage of Mr. Fri to Miss Emma Rosser, who was born in Hocking County and her parents removed to Vinton County when she was five years old. Further data concerning the Rosser family is given on other pages of this work, in the sketch of the career of her brother, Elmer E. Rosser. In conclusion is given brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Fri: Olan E., who has been a successful teacher in the public schools, is attending, in 1916, the Ohio University, at Athens. He married Miss Irene Worthman and they have no children. Ilber E. is likewise at Athens, in the Ohio University. J. Lloyd was graduated in the High School at McArthur and has attended both Ohio University, at Athens, and the Ohio State University in the City of Columbus. He is, in 1916, serving his second year as principal of the public schools of the Village of Zaleski, Vinton County. Ethel C. is a graduate of McArthur High School and is a student in Ohio University and has also achieved marked success as a teacher. Ada Naomi is a graduate of the McArthur High School and is now teaching in the Fee School District of Swan Township. Thelma E. E. is a student in the McArthur High School; and Elvey C. and Frederick, who remain at the parental home, are attending the graded schools. The family is one of special prominence and popularity in the representative social life of the community, and it is pleasing to be able to give the foregoing record in the history of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of the fine, old Buckeye State.

Jared Johnson Rardin. The treasurer of the Selby Shoe Company of Portsmouth, Mr. Rardin has been identified with his city for a period of about forty-five years, has been continuously in business, has gained a worthy success, and through his family has some interesting relations with early Ohio history.

Mr. Rardin is one of the few men now in active life who can claim a log cabin as a birthplace. At the time a log cabin did not signify poverty or backwardness of family circumstance so much as it was significant and typical of usual conditions. Jared Johnson Rardin was born in such a home November 30, 1848. His parents then lived three miles from Bartlett in Bern Township of Athens County, Ohio. His direct ancestry connects him with Revolutionary stock. His father was Levi Rardin, who was born on a farm adjoining the birthplace of the son, January

12, 1823. Levi was a son of William, who was a native of Pennsylvania. William Rardin was the son of Henry Rardin, who was born in Pennsylvania November 17, 1756. He had just about reached manhood when the war broke out between the colonies and Great Britain, and he became a member of the Frontier Rangers and did active service for the colonial cause, as is shown in the Pennsylvania records on pages 453 and 753 of volume 4 in series IV. Henry Rardin was married in Pennsylvania, to Elizabeth Hull. In 1807, nearly thirty years after independence had been won, he came to Ohio. Like many of the early settlers he journeyed down the Ohio River on a flat boat and landed at Marietta. He located in the wilds of Washington County, buying a tract of land in Wesley Township. Ohio had been a state about five years, but most of its area was a wilderness, the land being owned by the Government, and for sale except in a few settled localities at a dollar and a quarter per acre. One of the chief sources of provisions at that time was the wild game so plentiful in all the woods and streams. Henry Rardin lived at Marietta for a time, and then removed to the country. He was a millwright and supervised the construction of several grist mills on Wolf Creek and Muskingum River. His death occurred November 17, 1855, at the remarkable age of ninety-nine years. His wife, Elizabeth Hull, was born in Pennsylvania in 1762 and died February 18, 1836. Both are buried in the old cemetery 1½ miles north of Bartlett. Grandfather William Rardin was born at Georgetown, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1797. His death occurred December 11, 1876, interment at Mount Hermon, Athens County, Ohio. He was fond of the chase and much of his time was devoted to hunting. He was a naturalist by training and observation, and knew the habits and peculiarities of practically all the birds and animals found in the native wilds of Ohio. Soon after his marriage he bought a tract of timber land in Bern Township of Athens County three miles west of Bartlett, and his nearest neighbor at the time lived in Bartlett. His first home was a log cabin, followed by a hewed log house, and that in turn by a frame house, in which he lived until his death on December 11, 1876. William Rardin married Elizabeth Anders. She was born in the vicinity of the old Redstone Fort, in Southwestern Pennsylvania where Brownsville is now located, on July 16, 1799, a daughter of Michael and Mehitable (Gard) Anders. She came to Ohio with her widowed mother and sisters and brothers, and was a woman of great capacity in assisting her husband during pioneer times and did much to influence her children during the formative years of their lives. Her nine children were named Mehitable, Sarah Ann, Levi, Agnes, Elizabeth, Rebecca, George, Adaline and William Henry.

Levi Rardin, father of the Portsmouth business man, was reared on

a farm and had a thorough training in agricultural pursuits. At the time of his marriage he bought a tract of land adjoining his father's farm, and went through practically the same experiences of pioneering as were the lot of his father. He built a log cabin and for the floors split puncheons and for the roof split boards which in the absence of nails were weighted down by weight poles. He devoted many years to clearing up his land and tilling the soil, and effected much improvement that has been enjoyed by later possessors. After a few years he supplanted the log cabin with a frame dwelling that was his home until his death at the age of forty-four. Levi Rardin married Fanny L. Selby, daughter of Dyer and Tabitha Selby. An account of the Selby family will be found in a sketch of George D. Selby on other pages. Levi Rardin and wife reared six children, named Jared Johnson, Willard W., Charles C., Eunice E., Elizabeth E. and Joseph S., only two of whom, Jared and Joseph are living. The latter is a practicing physician in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Jared J. Rardin was reared on a farm and had his early training in country schools, supplemented by two terms of attendance at the Bartlett Academy. His assistance was given to his father on the old homestead until twenty-one. On June 11, 1870, he came to Portsmouth and has exerted his vigorous ability in commercial affairs since that time. He was first a salesman for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and his successful work in that field brought his promotion to general manager, directing the sales over twenty-two counties. He continued to represent that company until 1895, and then with other associates organized the Star Shoe Company, of which he became secretary and treasurer. In 1902 Mr. Rardin traded his stock in the former company for an interest in the Drew, Selby Company and became treasurer, and with the reorganization under the present name of Selby Shoe Company was retained in the same office and has been an important factor in the upbuilding of that business at Portsmouth.

On July 5, 1876, Mr. Rardin married Mary Adrian Webster, daughter of Isaac Webster of Meigs County. Mr. and Mrs. Rardin have reared three children, Irma B., Glen E. and Earl W. All the children are graduates of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. The daughter is the wife of Rev. George L. Davis, a missionary to China, and they have a daughter, Juliet, and a son, Enan G. Glen married Crete Brant and has a son, Jared Joseph. Earl married Carrie Goddard and has a daughter named Marcella. Mr. and Mrs. Rardin have membership in the Bigelow Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics he is a republican.

Richard Doty. A young business man of assured position in the City of Wellston is Richard Doty, who now operates a prosperous dray and transfer line there.

Born in Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio, September 14, 1876, he is a grandson of John Doty and a son of Atwell and Elizabeth (Adams) Doty. His mother had brothers and sisters named Fannie, Henry, Arthur, Smith, and Eliza. The children of Atwell Doty and wife were Arthur, William, Walter and Richard.

Richard Doty gained his early education in the Ross High School in Butler County, and after starting out for himself was a horse dealer for some years. In 1907 he was made assistant superintendent of the Elk Fork Farm at Elk Fork, Ohio, and from there came to Wellston in 1911 and engaged in the draying business, which he has since continued with increasing success.

In 1911 Mr. Doty married Ella Rhodes. They have a comfortable home at Wellston and their one child, Martha E., is now four years of age.

John L. Beckley. The popular and representative citizen whose names introduces this review is one of the resourceful, alert and progressive men to whom success comes as a natural prerogative, and he is one to whom is satisfactory in business activities none but the highest possible standard. The verity of the foregoing statement is demonstrated effectively in the appointments, service and metropolitan facilities of his fine clothing and furnishing-goods establishment in the thriving little City of McArthur, the judicial center and metropolis of Vinton County, and in this special field of business enterprise he stands as one of the most progressive and prominent representatives in the Hanging Rock Iron Region, to which this publication is given. The clothing store and haberdashery of Mr. Beckley is eligibly situated on Main Street, McArthur, and occupies a room 37 by 92 feet in dimensions. The establishment is virtually divided into two well arranged general departments—one for men's clothing and furnishing goods and the other for men's and boys' shoes, boys' clothing, hats, etc. Few towns of the same comparative population as McArthur can show an establishment of the kind that is so complete in scope and selection of stock in all lines or that is maintained at a standard so clearly of metropolitan order.

The mercantile establishment of Mr. Beckley may consistently be designated as one of the pioneer business houses of McArthur, since it dates its inception back to the year 1866, when it was founded by the late A. H. Dowd, who continued in the ownership of the business until the same was purchased by Mr. Beckley, in 1904. Mr. Beckley became

a clerk in the Dowd establishment in 1893, and he thus continued his effective services until 1899, when he was admitted to partnership in the business. He continued as co-partner of Mr. Dowd until 1904, when he became sole proprietor. He has shown the best of judgment and marked progressiveness in the development and upbuilding of the extensive business which his establishment now controls, and holds precedence as one of the leading business men and most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of the fine little city that is the judicial center of Vinton County. He is also the senior member of the firm of J. L. Beckley & Son, which conducts a similar business at Athens, Athens County, Ohio, and of the latter store his son Harry C., junior member of the firm, has the active management, the lines handled in the Athens store being the same as in the McArthur establishment, save that the former has no shoe department. The establishment in the county seat of Athens County was opened by the firm in 1913 and the business there has become one of most successful order. Prior to identifying himself with the mercantile business Mr. Beckley had been for ten years a successful and popular teacher in the public schools of Vinton County, and he is specially well known throughout the county, where it may consistently be said that his circle of friends is co-extensive with that of his acquaintances.

Mr. Beckley was born in Columbia Township, Meigs County, Ohio, and the date of his nativity was October 3, 1867. He continued his studies in the schools of his native county until he had completed the curriculum of the high school, and after his graduation he engaged in teaching in the district schools, his association with the pedagogic profession having been initiated when he was sixteen years of age and having continued ten years, as previously stated. He then, at the age of twenty-six years, in 1884, became associated with the mercantile business in McArthur, where he continued his services in a clerical capacity until he became a partner of Mr. Dowd, as previously noted. His advancement has been the result of his own ability, fidelity and well ordered endeavors, and he fully merits the unqualified esteem in which he is held.

A scion of a family that was founded in New England in the colonial period of our national history, Mr. Beckley is a grandson of Walter Beckley, who was born and reared in the State of Connecticut, whence he came to Ohio when a young man. He established his residence in Athens County, where his marriage was solemnized, and he passed the remainder of his long and useful life near Albany, that county, where he achieved due success in his vocation as a carpenter and general mechanic of more than ordinary skill. Both he and his wife were well

advanced in years at the time of their death and their names merit enduring place on the roll of the sterling pioneers of Athens County.

Herbert Beckley, father of him whose name initiates this article, was born at the old homestead near Albany, Athens County, on the 4th of July, 1846, and in that county he was reared and educated under the conditions and influences of what may be termed the middle pioneer era. For many years he has continued an industrious and effective representative of the basic industry of agriculture, and upon coming to Vinton County he first engaged in farming in Knox Township, whence, in 1884, he removed to Elk Township, where he still resides on his well improved and valuable farm and where he commands the unqualified esteem of all who know him and have appreciation of his sterling character and worthy achievement. He is aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party and is a zealous member of the United Brethren Church, as was also his wife, whose death occurred on the 6th of August, 1896.

In Athens County occurred the marriage of Herbert Beckley to Miss Margaret Hamrick, who was born in 1847, at Zanesville, Ohio, where she was reared and educated and whence, after the death of her mother, she removed to Athens County with her father. She was a devoted wife and mother and ever held the affectionate regard of all who came within the compass of her gentle and gracious influence, her death having occurred in 1896, as previously stated. Of the two surviving children John L., of this review, is the elder. Samuel F. received excellent educational advantages and was formerly one of the representative teachers in the schools of Vinton County. On the 1st of January, 1913, he assumed the office of judge of the Probate Court of Vinton County, to which position he was elected for the regular term of four years and in which he is giving a most able administration. Judge Beckley wedded Miss Clara Timms, and they have one son and one daughter.

John L. Beckley has not hedged himself in with merely personal interests, but has proved a loyal and public-spirited citizen and has given his influence and co-operation in the furtherance of measures projected for the general good of the community. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his wife holds membership in the Methodist Church at McArthur, Ohio. In Vinton County, Ohio, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Beckley to Miss Flora M. Metcalfe, who was born near the Village of Carpenter, that county, on the 9th of February, 1870, and who is a daughter of Asa and Rhoda (Skelley) Metcalfe. The father of Mrs. Beckley died when she was but three weeks old and her mother later became the wife of Hamilton Van Bibber, both being now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Beckley have five children, concerning

whom the following brief record is given: Harry C., who is his father's partner in the mercantile business at Athens, as junior member of the firm of J. L. Beckley & Son, was graduated in the McArthur High School and in the business or commercial department of Ohio University, at Athens, and later he pursued a higher course of study in the University of New York. Ethel, who was graduated in Ohio University, at Athens, still resides in that attractive little city, where she has the supervision of the home of her brother, Harry C. Everett resides with his brother and sister at Athens, where he is a student in Ohio University, having previously attended the well known military academy at Staunton, Virginia. Earl and Paul remain at the parental home and are attending the public schools of McArthur, the former being a student in the high school and the latter having celebrated his seventh birthday anniversary in 1915.

Mr. Beckley is affiliated with the McArthur blue lodge and chapter of the Masonic fraternity and has passed various official chairs in each. He has twice served as chancellor of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and holds membership also in the lodge of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks at Logan, Hocking County.

William B. Cherington. One of the most numerous, prominent and influential families of Jackson and Gallia counties is that which bears the name of Cherington; in fact, they are so married and intermarried and related to so many people here that it is a common saying that "any one who wants the favor of Jackson and Gallia counties must never say anything against the Cheringtons, lest he may be talking to some of their relatives." Those who bear this name are, almost without exception, thrifty, industrious, enterprising citizens, on the side of law, order and morality. In politics they are almost all republicans, and in religion are, as a rule, either members or attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A worthy representative of this family, whose career has been one worthy of the race from which he springs and whose character includes the traits aforementioned, is William B. Cherington of Wellston.

The records of the Cherington family are preserved since 1702, and show the family to be of English origin, the first name on the record being that of Clement Cherington, who was born in England in the year mentioned, was educated for the ministry of the Church of England, but sailed for America on the day set for his trial sermon. He was married in England and had sons and daughters, and it was not until after his first wife's death that he sailed for this country. About 1750 he landed in America, and was here married to Mrs. Mary (Coles) Mathews, who

was born on Long Island, New York, February 2, 1713, and by her first marriage had several children. Three children were born to this union: Thomas, Rachel and William (I). William (I) was born in Pennsylvania, April 19, 1755, and was married February 18, 1779, to Margaret Hank, who was born April 10, 1755, daughter of John and Margaret Hank, and sister of Abraham Lincoln's mother. The children of this union were: Thomas, born December 5, 1779; John, born December 17, 1781; Rachel Knapp, born April 28, 1784; William (II), born March 6, 1787; Susannah Buck, born August 1, 1789; Clement (II), born December 8, 1791; Eleanor, born September 25, 1794; and Josiah, born June 1, 1797. The mother of the foregoing children died September 22, 1797, and November 28, 1797, William Cherington (I) was married to Mrs. Lettice McClung, a widow with five children. To this union there were born children as follows: Charles, born in August, 1798, and died in infancy; James, born November 9, 1799; Bruce, born March 15, 1801; Pennell, born November 18, 1802; Betsy Johnson, born April 14, 1804; Jefferson, born February 26, 1806; Anna McNeal, born December 6, 1807; and Josephus, born June 28, 1810. The father of these children died April 28, 1833.

Without undertaking to trace out the different branches of the family, it will be enough to say that the Cheringtons who have settled in Jackson County are for the most part descendants of Thomas, the eldest son of William (I), which we give as follows: William H., the first Cherington to settle in Jackson County, and his children—Leander and Mary Kinnison; Thomas (II), whose children were eleven in number; Jeptha and his children—Columbus, Virginia French, Wilson, Almira Garvin, Cicero and Panthara; Lorenzo and his children—DeWitt, Whitcomb, Thomas, Asbury and Margaret; Margaret Stevenson; Clinton and his children—Nancy McClure and Stewart; Polly Evans and her children—Baldwin (the former auditor of Jackson County), Clinton, Wellington, Timothy, Simeon, Susannah, Mary and Thomas; Betsey Jones and her children—Sarah Cunningham, Anna Lackey, Elizabeth Williams and Matilda Lackey; Finley and his children—Ozias, Harriet, Morris, Laura, Viola, Belle, Emerson and Allery; Nancy Mannering, whose six children located in Missouri and Texas; Anna; Sarah Evans and her daughter—Minnie; Welling; Rachel Prose and her children—Catherine Hughes, Flora Rickards, Benton, Matilda Hughes, Adaline Rickards, Josiah, Halleck, Emma and Laura.

In addition to these, several other families of Cheringtons reside in Jackson County: William, son of William (II), and his children—Elizabeth Johnson, Evaline Buckley and Emma Arthur; Lettice Sims, daughter of William (II); Mary Ewing and William B., children of

Levi and grandchildren of William (II); Rebecca Evans and Margaret Evans, daughters of Clement (II); William D., pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Jackson, Ohio, son of William W. and grandson of Clement (II); William and Alice, children of Solomon and grandchildren of Clement (II); and several younger generations.

William B. Cherington was born on the home farm in Gallia County, Ohio, December 5, 1845, and is a son of Levi and Permelia (Manring) Cherington. His father was born in 1816, in Gallia County, and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life, dying in his native county in 1880. His wife was one of the nineteen children, who all grew to maturity, of Jordon and Elizabeth (Knox) Manring, natives of Gallia. Her father was a farmer by occupation, and served as a captain during the War of 1812. There were four children in the Cherington family, all of whom received academic educational advantages: Mary, Sarah E., William B. and C. W.

William B. Cherington attended the district schools and worked on the home farm until he was fifteen years of age, following which he was engaged as an engineer, and continued to serve in that capacity until 1862, when he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Seventy-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he participated in a number of hard-fought battles, including the engagement at Nashville, and continued as a soldier in the Union army until the Civil war was closed. He then completed his education at Ewington Academy, and worked at the molder's trade at Kansas City, Missouri, for four years, but in 1869 returned to Ohio and engaged in molding at the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad shops at Zaleski, Ohio, where he was employed for three years. In 1872 Mr. Cherington was united in marriage with Miss Margaret E. Nutt of Pike County, Ohio, and to this union there has been born one son—Erie W. Mrs. Cherington died September 13, 1915.

In the year of his marriage Mr. Cherington went to Jackson, where he became superintendent of the foundry and machine works of Pickrel & Company, in which company he was a stockholder, and in the fall of 1880 was elected sheriff of Jackson County, an office to which he was re-elected in 1882. Mr. Cherington is one of the prominent and influential citizens of the county and has taken an active and helpful interest in its affairs. He is a Royal Arch Mason, follows family traditions by affiliating with the republican party, and has also the family religious belief, having been a class leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years.

On March 14, 1916, Mr. Cherington was united in marriage to Mrs. Caroline M. Wells, widow of Frank Z. Wells of Wellston, and a granddaughter of the Hon. H. S. Bundy of Wellston. Mr. and Mrs. Chering-

ton reside on West Wellston Heights, the highest point in Jackson County.

JONAS MARSHALL. Although not now a resident of the Hanging Rock Region, having retired from active labor and moved to Columbus, Jonas Marshall is known as one of the pioneers of this section, where for many years he was identified with a number of the leading industries as a blacksmith and wagonmaker. He was born at Etna Furnace, Lawrence County, Ohio, August 15, 1849, and is a son of Richard J. and Kathryn (Clutts) Marshall. His father, a native of Hagerstown, Maryland, where he was born in 1828, was a wagonmaker and blacksmith by trade, and came to Ohio about 1845, settling at Franklin Furnace. He became one of the prominent and influential men of his community, served as a justice of the peace of Decatur Township for nine years, was assessor six terms and for a number of years occupied a place on the school board. He died in 1895, while Mrs. Marshall, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1823, died in 1862. They were the parents of five children: Mary A., Harriet, Josephine, John and Elizabeth.

The district schools of Decatur Township, Lawrence County, furnished Jonas Marshall with his primary education, and at the age of eighteen years he laid aside his books temporarily and took the position of stable foreman at the Buckhorn Furnace, there remaining five years. Realizing the need of further education, he again entered school, remaining two years, and this training enabled him to secure the position of store manager for the Buckhorn Furnace, a capacity in which he also had charge of the wood business. After eighteen years he went to the Gallia Furnace, in Gallia County, but after four years as clerk returned to Lawrence County and entered the employ of the Lawrence Furnace. Here for thirteen years he worked as blacksmith and wagonmaker, and then went to the Hecla Furnace as the incumbent of the same positions and remained three years. Mr. Marshall then came to Ironton to accept the position of blacksmith for the Ironton Fire Brick Company, and one year later became identified with the Ironton Portland Cement Company as clerk and timekeeper, but after seven years, in 1913, went to Columbus with the Ralston Steel Company as a member of the draughting department. In 1914 he retired from active life, and has since been living with his son, at East Columbus. An industrious and energetic workman, ever faithful to the duties devolving upon him, Mr. Marshall has labored so well that he is able to spend the evening of life in the enjoyment of a handsome competency. His life has covered one of the greatest periods of development in this part of Ohio, and he can well remember early incidents, when the native timber covered this section; when ironmaking

here was in its infancy and in its prime; when the father of Ironton, Mr. J. Campbell, gave him employment for weeks at a stretch; when the old Iron Railroad was built, and when Mr. J. Steen erected the first, or one of the first, charcoal iron furnaces in Lawrence County, the old Mount Vernon Furnace. Through it all he has known some of the leading men of this region, and has been held in high esteem and respect by all with whom he has come into contact. He still retains his love for his vocation, and is able to hold his own in labor or workmanship with any of the present-day blacksmiths. Mr. Marshall is a member of the Methodist Church.

On April 7, 1889, Mr. Marshall was married at Buckhorn Furnace to Miss Sarah R. Dennison, daughter of John Dennison of Scioto Furnace, Scioto County, Ohio, a farmer. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, namely: George W., a plumber of East Columbus, Ohio, married Mary McConnell, and has one child; Nellie, who married Joseph Taylor, a machinist of Kalamazoo, Michigan, has one child; Herman, a cement worker of Bloomington, Indiana; Hattie, who married George Barber, a lawyer of Bloomington, Indiana, has no children; Nannie, who married Ross Faulks, an electrician of Huntington, West Virginia, has two children; and John F., who is single and a laborer.

Aaron B. Kirkendall. A scholar whose attainments are well known throughout Vinton County, and who has acquired a generous wealth of knowledge by his own efforts and in the university of experience, a leader in business and in church and all community affairs, Aaron B. Kirkendall is one of the remarkable men of the Hanging Rock Iron Region.

For one who was never in college or university, it seems rather remarkable that a plain hard-working man should take the trouble to master and acquire a working knowledge of the German and Greek languages and various other branches of higher education, such as are required for a degree in the colleges. Mr. Kirkendall's voice has been heard many times from the rostrum and pulpit, with advantage to his auditors. One only needs to address him to know that he is an educated gentleman and has a mind stored with rich knowledge of matters general and particular. He was the son of high-minded but poor parents, and was well endowed with intellect and talent and needed only the spur of an ambition to serve well in whatever station he was placed in order to make the most of his opportunities. He gives much credit for his advancement to his worthy wife. His parents were both members of the Reorganized Latter Day Saints religious organization, and Mr. Kirkendall helped to organize a congregation of these people and has been a leader of the

society and has been largely responsible for the neat church which is a credit to the community at Creola, in Swan Township. Its membership is now nearly 100, and since the church was started more than a quarter of a century ago Mr. Kirkendall has filled the pulpit as pastor and elder. He has done all these things besides performing a varied set of business duties as a merchant and as railway station agent for the Hocking Valley at Creola. For seven years he also filled the office of probate judge of Vinton County, and was treasurer of his township and held various other local places for a number of years. Since the Village of Creola was started he has almost continuously been the postmaster. He is a man of strong and active physique, with a face that shows the breadth of his intelligence, with an eye keen and a persistent gaze, and when under the influence of the enthusiasm on subjects nearest to his heart his eye flashes with a peculiar brilliance.

In 1882, more than thirty years ago, Mr. Kirkendall became connected with the Hocking Valley Railway at Creola, a station having been opened for traffic at that point in October, 1880. He became the regular agent for the company in August, 1884, having spent the previous two years in mastering telegraphy and in performing various other duties around the office. He has always been regarded as a very capable manager of the railroad company's business at this point. He has been postmaster since 1884, having held the office through all the various administrations. From 1884 until about a dozen years ago a star route was operated from Creola to Vigo on the Baltimore & Ohio, but the star route has been abandoned and the place taken by the regular rural mail service. Since 1893 Mr. Kirkendall has conducted a general merchandise store at Creola, and has a stock of all the staple goods required by the country trade.

Aaron B. Kirkendall was born at the old Lincoln Furnace, in Jackson County, Ohio, July 18, 1863. On that day John Morgan, the noted Confederate raider, was at Berlin, Ohio, and three days later one of Morgan's lieutenants, Basil Duke, and seventeen of his men took dinner with Mr. Kirkendall's mother. The lieutenant made much of the young infant and insisted that he be called John Morgan. The lieutenant and all his followers treated the young mother with great courtesy and consideration, though five of her brothers and two of her husband's brothers were at that time in the Union service in the South.

Mr. Kirkendall was reared and educated in Jackson County, attended the common schools, and lived at home until he became of age. At every opportunity he has applied himself to study and has accomplished a thorough education by diligence such as few college men exercise.

His father, Richard Kirkendall, was born in Jackson County, Ohio,

in 1828 and belonged to old New York Dutch stock. The immigrant spelled his name Kuykendaal and for generations this family has furnished industrious and noble-minded men and women. The first of the family to come into Ohio was John Kirkendall, who saw some service in a Pennsylvania regiment during the War of 1812 and about that period moved into Ohio and located in Jackson County, where he spent the rest of his days. His son Daniel, grandfather of Aaron B., was born in Pennsylvania in 1805, was reared in Jackson County and married Lydia M. Price. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in April, 1808, a daughter of Richard Price. Richard Price was quite prominent in Baltimore and was of Welsh ancestry. He brought his wife and family to Jackson County, Ohio. All these older ancestors are now lying in the Pattonsville Cemetery in Jackson County.

Richard Kirkendall, father of Aaron, became quite extensively interested with William Price in the Iron Valley Furnace. The management and the control of this industry was vested in other parties, and through their mismanagement Mr. Kirkendall and his friend lost all they had, while he himself was left with less than nothing, though his honesty showed itself in his subsequent redemption of every dollar of indebtedness. In 1882 he moved to Creola and died there February 23, 1894. He was reared as a democrat, but during the Civil war became a republican until 1878 and then voted the prohibition ticket. He was of the highest type of manhood and character. About 1880 he joined the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints. Richard Kirkendall was married in Jackson County to Rachel A. Allen. She was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, March 28, 1826, and when a small child went with her parents to Guernsey County, Ohio, and at the age of seventeen came to Jackson County with her parents, Samuel and Ruth (Barrett) Allen, who were of Virginia Quaker stock. The Allens lived on a farm in Jackson County until they passed away and to the last they were loyal to their Quaker belief. Through the Barrett ancestor just mentioned Aaron B. Kirkendall is connected in an interesting manner with the early revolutionary days. His great-grandfather, Thomas Barrett, was a tailor who lived at Brandywine, near Philadelphia, when the battle of that name was fought in the course of the Revolutionary war. Thomas Barrett gave his daughter, who married Samuel Allen, a pair of fine shears, and those shears have been handed down through the different generations and are now in Mr. Kirkendall's family and are in good repair and highly cherished along with other relics. Rachel A. Kirkendall died at her home in Creola in 1902. She was also active as a member of the Latter Day Saints.

Aaron B. Kirkendall was married at Creola to Miss Mattie E. Thoma-

son. She was born in Jackson County, August 29, 1869, was reared and educated there, and is a daughter of Charles and Virginia (Potts) Thomason, both natives of Jackson County, where the mother died, and the father, who was a furnace man, died in Vinton County. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkendall are given brief record as follows: Prof. Rothbe H., who attended the McArthur High School and graduated from the Rio Grande College, now holds the chair of English and history in that college; he married Mary J. Burkett of McArthur, who was a teacher in the city schools and a graduate of normal school. Gard H., the second child, graduated from the McArthur High School and is now engaged in the automobile business at Ashland, Kentucky, and married Ethel Cross of Portsmouth, Ohio. Merl, the third, was fatally burned at the age of six and a half years. Maggie M. is a graduate of the McArthur High School and the Rio Grande College, is a teacher in public schools and still lives at home. Mamie V. is a graduate of the McArthur High School and is connected with her father's store as deputy postmaster. Melba G. is a graduate of the McArthur High School and is now attending the Rio Grande College. Marjorie Pearl is six years of age and in the second grade of the public schools. Aaron B., Jr., is five years old and M. Ruth is aged two.

It was in 1905 that Mr. Kirkendall was elected probate judge of Vinton County on the republican ticket and he filled that office for two terms, altogether for seven years. He was a capable judge, attended the duties of the court with the greatest care and did all he could to promote peaceable settlement of differences among litigants. For twenty years he filled the office of township treasurer of Swan Township. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter of Masons at McArthur and with the Council at Logan. He and all his family are members of the Latter Day Saints organization, and his prominent leadership in the Creola church has already been mentioned.

James M. McGhee. One of the oldest and best known residents of the Hanging Rock Iron Region is James Miller McGhee, who through his family relations belongs among the pioneer stock of Southern Ohio, and who in his personal and individual career has been identified with the iron industry and with other activities of importance in this section.

Born in Jackson County, October 18, 1837, he is a son of William McGhee, who was also reared in Jackson County, spent his life as a storekeeper and in the iron industry, and is a grandson of John McGhee, who came from old Virginia. William McGhee married Electa R. Poor, who was a granddaughter of Judge Poor, one of the first judges in Jackson

County, and holding that office for many years. William McGhee and wife reared four children: James M.; Langley; Cornelia; and Ripley.

Mr. James M. McGhee secured a liberal education as a young man, attending the Ohio University at Athens and completing a business education in the City of Columbus. For several years he was employed in a store in Jackson County with his father, and they then entered the iron industry, and for more than thirty years conducted two of the well-known furnaces in the Hanging Rock Region. For five years Mr. James M. McGhee also filled the post of revenue agent at the distillery in Portsmouth.

He married Miss Susan Phillips of Jackson County. Her parents were Henry and Phoebe (Westfall) Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. McGhee have four children: Edward, Frances, James M., Jr., and Susan.

James W. Darby. A member of the Vinton County bar for thirty years, James W. Darby is not alone prominent because of his strong and forceful talents as an attorney and his stirring activities as a citizen, but as a representative of one of the oldest and most honored families of the county. It is a tradition of this family that it is descended from the old house of Derby of England, but the first of whom we have record is William Darby, who was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1760.

William Darby was a drummer and soldier in the Revolutionary war, his service lasting from 1777 until 1783, as a member of Captain Carberry's Company, and Col. Patton Hubley's Regiment. He participated in the battles of Germantown, Princeton, Monmouth and Brandywine. About the year 1809 he hearkened to the alluring call of the new country to the West, and came to what is now the vicinity of Allensville, in Vinton County, Ohio, where he took up his residence among the few adventurous souls whose courage and fortitude made possible the settlement of this region. Here his death occurred April 30, 1836, interment being made on the bank of the middle fork of Salt Creek, but later his remains were removed to the Bell Cemetery, at Allensville, where a beautiful granite monument, properly inscribed, and unveiled October 2, 1915, marks the last resting place of this doughty old revolutionary hero and pioneer farmer. He was twice married and had by his first wife two sons, John and Samuel, and two daughters, Barbara and one who died without issue, but many of Barbara's descendants still survive. John Darby married and had a family, and his great-great-great-granddaughter, Miss Ida Darby of Northboro, Iowa, unveiled the monument above described.

Samuel Darby, son of the pioneer, and grandfather of James W. Darby, was born July 7, 1782, in Pennsylvania, and as a young man went

to the State of North Carolina, where he was married to Charity Redyard, the daughter of one who leaned to the tory cause and whose sentiments were changed by Marion's Regiment. Soon after his marriage Samuel Darby came to Vinton County, Ohio, about the time of the arrival of his father, and settled in a cabin on the middle fork of Salt Creek. There he passed his life as a farmer and died January 23, 1856, his wife surviving until August 5, 1875, and being over eighty-eight years of age at the time of her demise. In his youth Samuel Darby had been a soldier, fighting in 1812 and 1813, in the War of 1812 in Daniel McCreery's Company, Key's Regiment. He was in Vinton County in 1811, when the earthquake shook up the entire Mississippi Valley, but did not learn until six weeks later what it was that had disturbed nature's forces. He was widely known as a hunter, a real Daniel Boone of this section, killing much wild game both large and small, and enjoying a wide reputation as an unerring Nimrod. He was likewise one of the early pioneers of Campbell's restoration church movement, known today as the Church of Christ (Disciples). For many years his home was used as the meeting-place of the local congregation, to which Samuel Darby preached for years. Of the children of Samuel Darby, six sons and five daughters grew to maturity, were married and had children, as follows: Isaiah, William, John, Britain, Stephen, Samuel R., Tacy, Cytha, Lydia, Asenath and Lovina.

Stephen Darby, son of Samuel, and father of James W. Darby, was born, like his brothers and sisters, on the old farm near Allensville, Vinton County, Ohio, November 1, 1818. He grew up as a farmer in the western part of Vinton County, passed his entire life in the pursuits of the soil, and died December 20, 1893. Mr. Darby was well and favorably known in Jackson Township and County, and through his industry and good management became the owner of a large and valuable property. A lifelong democrat, he was at times elected to public office, serving one term as county commissioner and many years as trustee of Jackson Township. He was an active worker and devout member of the Christian Church, in which he was for years an elder, and a great student of the Bible, as well as a well informed man generally and a teacher for some years. Mr. Darby was married in Jackson (now Vinton) County, Ohio, to Margaret Graves, who was born in what is now Richland Township, Vinton County, and died on the old homestead of 240 acres, December 12, 1878. Mrs. Darby was a devout Christian woman and a faithful member of the Christian Church. She and her husband were the parents of five sons and three daughters: Dr. Franklin H., who was for a time a practicing physician and at present superintendent of the Ohio Children's Home Society, 34 West First Avenue, Columbus, Ohio; Louisa,

who is the wife of John Clay, a farmer of Vinton County; Samuel G., a retired farmer and overseer of property at Columbus, Ohio, is married; Bathsheba D., who first married a Mr. Hutt and after his death Marion P. Robinette, also deceased, and now makes her home in Michigan, being the mother of several sons and daughters; Charity J., who is the wife of John W. Turner of Columbus, Ohio, a real estate dealer, and has children; James W., of this notice; Mathew H., postmaster at Deshler, Henry County, Ohio, is married and has a family; and Sanford S., a farmer in the western part of Vinton County, is married and has children.

James W. Darby was born on the old homestead place, August 26, 1858. In early boyhood he showed himself a hard student, became a voluminous reader, and acquired an extensive knowledge both of school books and literature. When he was but sixteen years of age he was certified to teach, and from seventeen until twenty-seven, he taught in the public schools, in the meantime pursuing a course in the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, from which he was graduated in a scientific course with the class of 1882. He was county examiner of teachers one term. Previous to this time he had decided upon a career in the law, his early information on that subject being secured from a copy of Walker's American Law. Having thoroughly digested this volume, in 1882 he entered the office of James M. McGillivray, but not long afterward found it necessary to resume teaching in order to replenish his depleted finance. However, he returned to Mr. McGillivray's office as soon as possible, and in 1885 was admitted to the bar, beginning his professional labors at McArthur. On January 1, 1886, he became a partner with Hon. William J. Rannells, with whom he remained for four years, and at the end of that time Mr. Rannells was made an appointee in the office of the United States attorney general at Washington, District of Columbia, as an assistant, and this partnership was dissolved. Mr. Darby has since carried on a general practice of a very important character, and his marked ability has been recognized by the public and the profession. He has served four terms as prosecuting attorney of Vinton County, the first term in the early '80s and the last three in succession, ending January 1, 1913. Politically Mr. Darby is a democrat. He is a member of the board of trustees of the County Children's Home, and has taken a helpful part in every movement that has made for progress and advance. Fraternally he is a member of the subordinate lodge of Odd Fellowship, with which he became connected in 1880, at Byer; the Knights of Pythias, the blue lodge of Masons, and the Modern Woodmen of America, and formerly of the Order of Good Templars of Vinton County.

Mr. Darby was married September 19, 1889, at McArthur to Miss

Minnie Pearce, who was born and reared here, a daughter of Capt. Alexander Pearce, captain of Company D, Eighteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war. In that struggle he saw much active service, proved himself a gallant officer, and returned in safety to his family, living to the age of seventy-two years. His widow, who was formerly Miss Amanda Ward, still lives at an advanced age at McArthur, and has been a member of the Christian Church here for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Darby have two children: Anna E., a graduate of McArthur High School, and a classical graduate of Hiram College, taking an A. B. degree, taught school for three years at Marion, Ohio, and is now a student at Ohio State University, at Athens, where she is a senior in a four years' course, and will soon take the B. S. E. degree; and Stephen P., who is attending McArthur High School. Mr. and Mrs. Darby are foster parents to a niece, Miss Lois G. Pearce, a graduate of McArthur High School, who held a scholarship in a Lexington (Kentucky) college for a time. She attended and graduated from Ohio State University, and is now a teacher in the schools of Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Darby and their children are members of the Christian Church, in which he has been an elder for many years.

Elmore C. Wortman. Starting with about forty acres of land, Elmore C. Wortman during the past thirty-five years has become one of the largest land holders and farmers and stock raisers in Vinton County. His energy and intelligent management have enabled him to accumulate rapidly and direct his enterprise toward a sure prosperity. None can begrudge his prosperity, since it has been won by honorable effort and his high standing as a citizen is unquestioned.

His ancestors have lived in Southern Ohio since pioneer days. His grandfather, Joseph Wortman, came from Pennsylvania, and located in Muskingum County, Ohio, when most of that section was a wilderness and when the chief thoroughfare was the old Mackinaw Road. He located on what was known as a "drove" road, not more than five miles from Zanesville. Besides improving a tract of wild land, he also conducted a cooper shop, having learned the trade back in his native state. He was a man of much enterprise and took part in the unique commerce of that day, having made seven trips to New Orleans down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, conveying rafts of flour and other products. Arriving at New Orleans, he sold his cargo and the material of his raft, and then made his way the best he could back home, frequently walking most of the distance, and at one time he walked and rode alternately a mule from the southern city to his Ohio home. On one of his trips to New Orleans he had a wreck near Guion Dodge, and was forced to dispose of his cargo

of flour to the various river towns and return home. He was a very successful man. He married Almeda Patterson of Pennsylvania, and they spent the rest of their days in Muskingum County, where they were quite old when they passed away. They belonged to the Baptist Church, and in politics he was a democrat. Of their large family four, three sons and one daughter, are still living, and all the children married.

Harrison Wortman, father of Elmore C., was born in Muskingum County about eighty years ago, and he died at his home in Richland Township of Vinton County in 1900. While growing up at his father's place he learned the trade of cooper, though he never followed it to any extent. In Muskingum County he married Mary Cain, who was born and reared and educated there. She was an infant when her mother died, and afterwards her father went to Iowa and she grew up in the home of an uncle. After their marriage Harrison Wortman and his young wife moved to Vinton County, joining his brother Jackson, who had settled here some years before and had secured a tract of land in Richland Township. Harrison Wortman lived on his brother's farm for several years and afterwards bought forty acres of his own, a place which he increased to 120 acres. His land was in section 1 of Richland Township, and though he found it entirely covered by timber and brush, he cleared it up and had it all under cultivation before he retired from his labors. He and his wife died there and both were highly respected and Christian people, and he was a democrat throughout his voting life. Elmore was the oldest of the children. His brother Silas is a rural mail carrier, living in Jackson County, Ohio, and has a family of three sons. Etha, who lives on a part of the old homestead, is the widow of Henry Snook and has a son and a daughter, the latter being a teacher. Joseph lives in Prestonburg, Kentucky, being a coal miner by occupation, and has one son. Euphema is the wife of George Henderson, and they live on the old Wortman homestead in Vinton County. Elmore C. Wortman was born in Richland Township not far from where he now lives August 28, 1860. While growing up on the farm he acquired an education in the local schools, and very soon after his marriage he bought forty acres of land, trading a span of mules for it. With that as a beginning his enterprise rapidly expanded. In 1888 he bought a portable sawmill, and continued in the sawmilling business in various sections of Vinton County for more than twenty years. In the meantime he bought the ninety acres which comprises his present rural estate, and has owned and occupied it for twenty-two years. There he erected an eight-room house, large barns and other buildings, and has nearly all the land under cultivation. While this is his homestead, he has also accumulated land to the extent of about 624 acres. His home is in sec-

tion 18 of Clinton Township. He has a good farm in Richland Township and ninety-three acres in Jackson County, most of the land being in an improved condition. Mr. Wortman is a master in the growing of all crops and the raising of live stock, and keeps fine grades of horses, cattle, hogs and about 130 head of wool-growing sheep. He has seventy-five head of cattle on his farm, from twenty-five to thirty milch cows for dairy purposes, and about fifteen horses and a dozen head of mules. All of this indicates how successful he has been and is in the line of agriculture and stock husbandry.

Mr. Wortman was married in Vinton County to Josephine Turvy. She was born in Jackson County, Ohio, and was quite young when her parents died. She received her education in the common schools of Jackson and Vinton counties. Mr. and Mrs. Wortman have a fine family of children. Carl, who is a graduate of the American Correspondence School, is an excellent machinist, for the past ten years has been in the threshing business, and was also associated with his father in sawmilling, and during the past two years he constructed under contract two miles of macadam pike; he married Ella Davis, and their children are named Everett, Joseph, Raymond, Genevieve, Edwin and Margaret. Milton, who lives on his father's home farm, married Lillie Griffith of Richland Township, and their children are Dorothy B., Ralph and Randolph. Lee, who graduated from the business college at Jackson, Ohio, and is in the plumbing business at Wellston, married Nellie May, a native of Lawrence County, Ohio, and their two children are Donald and Darleen. The daughter Mary died at the age of eighteen after finishing her education. Clara, who lives at home unmarried, was educated in the grade schools. Bertha L., who finished the common school course, is the wife of Everett Hutt, who manages the eighty-acre farm of Mr. Wortman in Richland Township. Delbert A. is twelve years of age and is still attending school. Mrs. Wortman is an active member of the Christian Church, and Mr. Wortman is a republican.

Elmer E. Rosser. From his childhood Elmer E. Rosser has been a resident of Swan Township, Vinton County, and here he is proving a worthy successor of his honored father as one of the progressive and representative agriculturists of this favored section of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio. The fine homestead farm on which he resides with his widowed mother is situated near the Village of Creola and on the west side of the excellent turnpike road that traverses this part of the county, the farm being four miles north of McArthur, the county seat.

Mr. Rosser was born in Hocking County, Ohio, on the 29th of August, 1861, and is a son of James and Sarah (Dennis) Rosser, both likewise

natives of the old Buckeye State. The parents of James Rosser were natives of Virginia and became pioneer settlers in the Hocking Valley of Ohio, where they passed the residue of their lives, the father, George Rosser, having become a substantial pioneer farmer and his parents having passed their entire lives in the Old Dominion commonwealth, where the father had been a successful planter and slaveholder prior to the Civil war. Mrs. Sarah (Dennis) Rosser was born in Athens County, Ohio, on the 10th of December, 1834, and is a daughter of Jonas and Rachel (Black) Dennis, the former of whom was born in Ontario, Canada, and the latter in Perry County, Ohio, where their marriage was solemnized. Jonas Dennis was a lad of twelve years at the time of his parents' removal to Ohio, and the family home was established in Perry County, where the parents passed the residue of their lives—sterling pioneers who did well their part in furthering the civic and material development of that section of the state.

After their marriage James and Sarah (Dennis) Rosser continued their residence on a farm in Wood Township, Hocking County, Ohio, until 1872, when they came to Vinton County and established their residence on the homestead farm now occupied by their son Elmer E., of this review. Later the parents of Mrs. Rosser came to this county, and in her home they passed the remaining years of their lives, Jonas Dennis having been nearly eighty years of age at the time of his demise and his widow having been more than ninety years of age when she was summoned to the life eternal, both having been most zealous and devout members of the Bible Christian Church, and Mr. Dennis was one of the pioneer preachers of this religious denomination in Ohio, all of his children having become active members of this church. Thomas, Joseph and Zacharias Black, maternal great-uncles of Mrs. Sarah (Dennis) Rosser, were all soldiers in the French and Indian war and it is probable that they were also soldiers in the War of 1812.

Upon coming to Vinton County James Rosser purchased 150 acres of land in Swan Township, and he developed the same into one of the productive and well-improved farms of the county. He erected the present attractive house of eight rooms and also provided other excellent farm buildings. He devoted his attention to diversified agriculture and stock-growing and became one of the successful and influential representatives of these basic industries in Vinton County—a man of steadfast integrity and one who commanded unqualified esteem as a loyal and worthy citizen. He was born on the 30th of July, 1830, and was called from the stage of life's mortal endeavors on the 17th of February, 1891. His father was a resident of Perry County, this state, at the time of his death, which occurred after the close of the Civil war, the family lineage

tracing back to staunch Scotch origin and the first representatives in America having settled in Virginia in the colonial era of our national history. His wife, whose maiden name was Winifred Simms, was of French ancestry, and she preceded him to eternal rest when a woman in middle life. Since the death of her honored husband Mrs. Sarah Rosser has continued to reside on the old homestead, which is endeared to her by many hallowed memories and associations, and the active control and management of the fine farm is vested in her youngest son, whose name introduces this article. She is a devoted member of the Bible Christian Church at Creola, is a woman of much mental and physical vigor and has the unqualified esteem of the community in which she has so long maintained her home. James Rosser was a public-spirited citizen and always ready to aid in the support of measures advanced for the general good of the community, though he had no ambition for public office. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party. Of the children the eldest is Lewis, who maintains his residence at McArthur and who is one of the prosperous farmers and fruit-growers of Vinton County. He has been twice married and has children by each union. Charles, who owns and operates a farm of forty acres near the old homestead in Swan Township, married Miss Nancy Ulam, and they have one daughter. Elmer E., of this review, is the youngest of the three boys. Emma Rose, the only daughter, married David Fri, of whom separate mention is made on other pages of this work.

Elmer E. Rosser acquired his rudimentary education in the district schools of Hocking County and was about twelve years of age at the time of the family removal to Vinton County, where he has since continued his residence on the old home farm which his father purchased upon coming to the county. He duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools of this county, gave effective aid in the work of the home farm and has here continued a vigorous and enterprising exponent of the agricultural and live-stock industries of this section of the state. He is a loyal supporter of the cause of the democratic party and while he takes lively interest in all that concerns the welfare and progress of his home county he has manifested no predilection for public office of any kind. He and his wife and their two sons are enrolled as members of the Bible Christian Church at Creola, and the family is one of prominence and popularity in the social activities of the community.

On the 6th of June, 1891, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Rosser to Miss Elizabeth Hull, who was born in Meigs County, this state, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Robert and Susan (Calhoon) Hull, the former of whom was a native of Ireland and the latter of whom was born and reared in Meigs County, Ohio, her parents

having been representatives of sterling old southern families and having passed the closing years of their lives in Gallia County, Ohio. Robert Hull was a child of twelve years at the time of the family immigration from the Emerald Isle to America, and he was reared to manhood in Gallia County, Ohio, his parents, Thomas and Mary (White) Hull, having there passed the remainder of their lives: Thomas Hull was comparatively a young man at the time of his death and his widow lived to attain to the age of seventy-six years. Robert Hull was an industrious farmer in Gallia County and finally removed thence to Meigs County, where his children were reared to adult age. He finally came to Vinton County and settled on a farm in Swan Township, where he continued his activities as an agriculturist until his death, which occurred in 1908. He was seventy years old at the time of his death, his widow, who resides on the old home farm with her youngest son, Sampson, having celebrated her seventy-seventh birthday anniversary in 1915. Mrs. Hull is a devout member of the Christian Church, as was also her husband, and the latter gave his political allegiance to the republican party. Of the two surviving children Mrs. Rosser is the elder, and her brother, Sampson Hull, is a prosperous farmer of Swan Township. He is married and has one daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Rosser became the parents of three children, of whom two are living, Susan, the youngest, having died when about two years of age; James R. and George Dewey both remain at the parental home and are associated with their father in the work and management of the farm, both being members of the class of 1916 in the high school at McArthur, so that much of their time of late has been given to their studies.

James W. Bannon. Through a systematic application of his abilities to the profession of his choice, James W. Bannon, who died March 7, 1916, at Los Angeles, California, attained prominence as an attorney of Portsmouth, where he achieved success as a lawyer, and gained a position of note among the leading men of his home city. A native of Ohio, he was born in Portsmouth, September 22, 1841.

His father, Edward Bannon, was born, in 1797, in County Westmeath, Ireland, and was there brought up and educated. In February, 1837, accompanied by his bride, he came to America in a sailing vessel, after a long and tedious voyage landing in New York. Going from there by way of the Hudson River to Albany, he then proceeded westward to Buffalo via the Erie Canal, thence by the lakes to Cleveland, from there by canal to Portsmouth, where he found work at the carpenter's trade. In 1847, homesick for a sight of his old home and friends, he started for Ireland. At New York he met a former ac-

quaintance who had just left the Emerald Isle, and from him learned of the failure of the potato crop, and of the consequent famine in the old country. Returning therefore to Portsmouth, he resumed work as a carpenter and builder, and remained a resident of the city until his death, in 1863. His wife, whose maiden name was Bridget Dervin, was born in Dublin, and died in Portsmouth in 1845, leaving two children, namely: James W., the subject of this brief sketch; and Mary, widow of Edward Mulligan, of Portsmouth.

James W. Bannon attended school quite regularly until fourteen years old, when he became a clerk in the mercantile establishment of Emanuel Miller, with whom he remained seven years. In the meantime, being studious and ambitious, Mr. Bannon devoted all of his leisure time to the acquiring of knowledge, for thirteen months studying law under the supervision of Judge Peck, and later being under the instruction of Judge H. A. Towne. On March 15, 1864, he was admitted to the bar, his certificate being signed by his former preceptors, William V. Peck and H. A. Towne. On May 2, 1864, Mr. Bannon enlisted for 100 days in Company E, One Hundred and Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was appointed first sergeant of his company. Going with his command to Virginia, he remained on duty in that state until honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of enlistment.

Returning from the war, Mr. Bannon was engaged in the practice of law with Judge Henry A. Towne until February, 1869. He then formed a partnership with T. C. Anderson, under the firm name of Bannon & Anderson, and was associated with him until 1878. In 1891 Mr. Bannon admitted his sons, Henry T. and Arthur H., to partnership, and the firm of Bannon & Bannon thus established has since carried on an extensive and highly remunerative legal business.

One of the best known and most skilful lawyers of Scioto County, Judge Bannon always kept particularly busy with his legal business, and served as counsel for various corporations. He was president of the First National Bank from 1893 until 1907, and at his death was one of the directorate; he also served as a director in numerous enterprises of importance; and from 1884 until 1887 was judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

Mr. Evans, editor and publisher of the Scioto County History, and long a resident of Portsmouth, said of Judge Bannon, "He stands at the head of his profession as a lawyer, and has been equally as successful in business enterprises. He is generous and liberal in every worthy cause. Socially he is a most charming companion, and his delineations of Irish character and nature are true to life."

Judge Bannon married, April 29, 1866, Mary E. Smith. She was

born in Scioto County, June 1, 1843, a daughter of Joseph Mills Glidden and Charlotte Maria (Hurd) Smith. Judge and Mrs. Bannon are the parents of four children, namely: Henry Towne, Arthur Hurd, Charlotte, and James W., Jr. After his graduation from the Portsmouth schools, Henry Towne Bannon attended the Ohio State University a year, and in 1886 entered the literary department of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889. Subsequently studying law with his father, he was admitted to the bar in 1891, and has since been in partnership with his father and brother. He served in the fifty-ninth and sixtieth Congresses. He married Jessie Damarin, and they have two children, Elizabeth and Louis D. Arthur Hurd Bannon attended the schools of Portsmouth until sixteen years old, and then studied for two years under Prof. J. A. I. Lowes. Entering the University of Michigan in 1886, he was graduated in 1890, and since his admission to the bar in 1892 has been engaged in the practice of law with his father and brother, under the firm name of Bannon & Bannon. He married Edith Leeds, and has two children, Katherine and Edith.

James Henry Ferguson. The extensive mineral and industrial resources of the Hanging Rock Iron Region have naturally developed a number of finished experts in mining, manufacturing and all the allied industries that depend upon coal and iron ore. Of these men perhaps none has had a broader field of experience and a reputation more generally recognized throughout the country than James Henry Ferguson, who for forty years has been connected with almost every phase of coal mining, iron mining, blast furnaces, iron manufacture and has been an individual workman, an expert investigator, and a manager of large plants and of large forces of employes.

James Henry Ferguson was born at South Point, in Lawrence County, Ohio, January 29, 1852. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Thomas) Ferguson, both of whom represented some of the earliest families of Lawrence County and were both natives of South Point. The father was born in 1818 and the mother in 1828, and the former died in 1898 and the latter in 1906. John Ferguson was a farmer and boatman. Their seven children were Vincent, James Henry, Samuel, Theodore, Mary, Addie and Cynthia.

James Henry Ferguson grew up in the atmosphere of coal and ore industries, but was also equipped with a liberal education in preparation for his life work. After leaving the public schools of South Point he entered what is now the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, and was a student there until 1873. In the meantime he had

assisted his father on the farm, was for two years a merchant at South Point, and finally sold out and went west to Colorado, where 2½ years were spent as a laborer in and around mines and furnaces and this experience gave him an intimate and practical knowledge of mining activities. On his return to Ohio, he was manager of the store conducted by the Crafts Iron Company at Greendale in the Hocking Valley for three years, then for three years was superintendent of coal mines with the Star Consolidated Coal Company of Colorado, again returned to Ohio and was superintendent of mines and blast furnaces from 1878 to 1889, and from that year until 1902 was superintendent of mines and coke ovens at Carperton, Fayette County, West Virginia. The following two years were spent as superintendent of coal mines at Congo in Perry County, Ohio, and from 1904 until 1905 he was superintendent of coal mines and coke ovens at Raton, New Mexico. From 1905 to 1907 Mr. Ferguson was superintendent of blast furnace and coal and ore mines at Rockbridge, Virginia, and then entered the service of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Railway Company, first as superintendent of coal mines and coke ovens at Ensley, Alabama, from 1907 to 1908, then at Tray City, Tennessee, as superintendent of coal mines and coke ovens from the spring of 1908 to the fall of the same year, and finally six months as superintendent of mines and coke ovens at Birmingham, Alabama. The Lookout Mountain Iron Company then employed him as superintendent of their ore, coal mines and coke ovens and blast furnace during 1908-09, and up to the spring of 1911 he was superintendent of furnaces for the Columbus Ohio Iron & Steel Company. His next field of work was again in West Virginia as superintendent of mines and coke ovens until 1912, up to 1913 was connected with the Union Iron & Steel Company of Ironton, Ohio, and after that with the Lawrence Iron Company in the Lawrence Furnace from 1913 to 1914, at which time the works shut down.

As this list indicates, Mr. Ferguson has for nearly forty years, since 1876, held prominent positions with many large corporations, and it is a significant fact that he has never asked for a position from any company, his services having always been in demand and several times different corporations have vied with each other in competition for his ability as an administrator and expert on all phases of mining and ore manufacture.

On October 25, 1887, Mr. Ferguson married Mary Barton, daughter of William Barton, a steamboat man at South Point in Lawrence County. They have two children, Margaret Kyle and James Barton. Mr. Ferguson is affiliated with the Masonic Order, belongs to the First Presbyterian Church of Ironton, and is a republican in politics. He is the

owner of eighty acres of improved land on section 32 of Perry Township in Lawrence County and has a comfortable residence in Ironton.

Thomas C. Anderson. A well-known and highly respected member of the Scioto County bar, Thomas C. Anderson, of Portsmouth, takes an active interest in local affairs, and as a landholder is identified with the advancement of the agricultural prosperity of this part of the state. A son of Thomas Anderson, Jr., he was born in Chauncey, Athens County, Ohio, of pioneer ancestry.

Thomas Anderson, Sr., his paternal grandfather, a native of Pennsylvania, was an early settler of Fairfield County, Ohio. Buying a tract of land near the present site of Lancaster, he cleared an opening, and in the log house which he built subsequently lived until his death. He married Magdalene Mechlen, whose parents were also pioneers of Fairfield County, the original Mechlen farm, near Lancaster, joining the Anderson homestead.

Thomas Anderson, Jr., was born on the parental homestead, near Lancaster, Ohio, in 1829, and in the pioneer schools of his day acquired a practical education. Preferring some other occupation than that of a farmer, he went to Chauncey on leaving school, and was there for a time employed as clerk at the salt works. In 1852, lured westward by the call of gold, he started with his brothers for California, sailing from New York. When but a short distance from land, he was accidentally shot, receiving a serious wound. There being no surgeon on board, the ship landed, and he was taken to a hospital in Philadelphia, where his death occurred when he was but twenty-three years of age.

The maiden name of the wife of Thomas Anderson, Jr., was Louisa Cutler. She was born in Amesville, Athens County, Ohio, a daughter of Charles Cutler, and granddaughter of Ephraim and Leah (Atwood) Cutler, while her great-grandfather, Manasseh Cutler, the New England statesman and patriot, who took a very active part in the early settlement of Ohio, and was largely instrumental in successfully carrying through the famous Ordinance of 1787, which dedicated the whole territory of which the settlement at Marietta was a part to freedom, education and religion. Manasseh Cutler belonged to a prominent New England family, whose history has been published in two volumes. Ephraim Cutler, son of Manasseh Cutler, came to Ohio in 1795 as agent for the Ohio Company, of which he was a stockholder, and, with his family, lived at the garrison in Waterford until 1799, when he moved to Ames. Very prominent in public affairs, he served as a member of the Territorial Legislature, and also of the first constitutional convention. An

extended account of his life appears in the "History of Athens County," published in 1869, C. M. Walker being the editor.

Mrs. Louisa (Cutler) Anderson being left a widow when young, with one child, Thomas C. Anderson, married for her second husband Dr. Lorenzo Fuller, of Amesville. She did not live many years thereafter, dying at the age of thirty-seven years. By her second marriage she had two sons, William Fuller and Louis Fuller.

Doctor Fuller was very kind to his step-son, Thomas C. Anderson, and not only offered to educate him, but would willingly have had him share equally with his own sons in his estate. Mr. Anderson, however, decided to live with his uncle, Samuel H. Anderson, who occupied the old Anderson homestead. He had previously laid a good foundation for his future education in the Amesville schools, and at a seminary. He therefore entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, where he was graduated with the class of 1871. Turning his attention then to the study of law, Mr. Anderson read elementary text books until 1872, when he entered the law office of Moore, Jackson & Newman, in Portsmouth. Admitted to the bar by the district court during the same year, he immediately began the practice of his profession in Portsmouth, where he has since continued most successfully, from 1875 until 1880 having been in partnership with J. W. Bannon, and later with Judge George M. Osborn. Mr. Anderson is interested in agriculture, and devotes a part of his time to the management of his farm, which lies two miles out from the city, and though he does not specialize in stock raising he takes great pride in his fine herd of Jersey cattle.

Mr. Anderson married, in 1876, Ida Frances Cole, daughter of Capt. Amos B. Cole, and granddaughter of Silas W. Cole, a pioneer of Portsmouth. Silas W. Cole was born in Chenango County, New York, August 2, 1797, and there learned the trade of a wagon maker. Going to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1819, he taught English in a German school for a short time, and then, with two companies, came in a skiff to Portsmouth, Ohio. Locating in Washington Township, he followed his trade until 1825, when he took up his residence in Portsmouth. Becoming prominent in public affairs, he served as clerk, overseer of the poor, health officer of Wayne Township, president of the town council, street commissioner, and was also county commissioner and infirmary director. His death, which occurred January 6, 1867, was mourned as a public loss. Silas W. Cole was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Huston, was a daughter of William Huston, and the grandmother of Mr. Anderson. She died in 1861, and he married for his second wife Antoinette Squires.

Amos B. Cole was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, December 13, 1827, and

in the public schools acquired his early education. In 1846, at the age of nineteen years, he enlisted as a soldier, and with his command proceeded to Mexico, where he served with courage until 1848, when he returned to Portsmouth, and embarked in the insurance business. Enlisting for service in the Union Army during the Civil war, in 1862, he was commissioned, on August 22, 1862, captain of Company F, First Ohio Heavy Artillery, and was with his regiment until December 19, 1864, when he was honorably discharged on account of disability. A man of intelligence and ability, he was influential in the management of local and county affairs. He was clerk of the Scioto County courts from 1873 until 1879; and served one term as representative to the State Legislature, and for two terms as state senator. He died at his home in Portsmouth, September 3, 1897.

Amos B. Cole married, in 1851, Martha E. Orme, who was born in Scioto County, a daughter of John Orme, and granddaughter of John Orme, Sr., and his wife, Elizabeth (Graham) Orme, pioneers of the county. John Orme married Phylura Hayward, who was born in Vermont, October 16, 1808, a daughter of Moses Hayward. Her grandfather, Capt. Caleb Hayward, was born and reared in Scotland, and having emigrated to America in colonial days settled in Connecticut. Moses Hayward was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, in 1766. In 1787 he migrated to Vermont, locating in Norwich, where, in 1793, he married Hannah Smith. In 1814 he removed with his family to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from there coming, in 1816, to Scioto County, Ohio. Settling in Union Township, he bought land, and in addition to carrying on general farming was engaged in the manufacture of buckskin gloves, He lived to the venerable age of ninety-four years, passing away October 2, 1866.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have reared seven children, namely: Clifford, Bessie Louise, Martha Kate, Lottie L., Charles Levi, Mary E., and Hayward M. Bessie L. is the wife of Charles Lyman Frederick, and has two children, Lyman and Martha. Martha Kate married Alan N. Jordan, and they have two children, Mary Frances and Alan N., Jr.

William T. Bone. One of the responsible and substantial citizens of Jackson Township in Vinton County is William T. Bone, who is rounding out a career of well bestowed effort as a farmer citizen, and who has gained by his efforts and earlier self denial a comfortable home for himself, his wife and growing children.

Practically all his life has been spent in Jackson Township, where he was born October 16, 1861. He received his education in the local schools, and having been trained from early youth as a farmer, he took

up that vocation on reaching manhood and has been steadily realizing some of his better ambitions and ideals. His father was William Bone, Jr., and his grandfather, William Bone, Sr. The latter was born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania parents but of German ancestry. The older stock spelled their name in the German form Bohn. Grandfather William Bone was married in Pennsylvania to an Irish girl, Miss Ida McGuire. From there they came to Ohio and were pioneers in Jackson Township of Vinton County. They settled in the woods, cleared out a space among the trees and built themselves a log cabin with a puncheon floor, mud and stick chimney, and greased paper to let in the light of day. In this humble home they made their start and gradually surrounded themselves with those comforts and facilities which kept pace with progress in this section of the state. They were hard working, thrifty, honest, and stood high in the esteem of their neighbors. Grandfather William Bone survived his first wife, and married a second time, and finally died at the age of sixty-five. By the first marriage there were a number of children, briefly noted as follows: Joseph, who died unmarried in the State of Missouri; Elizabeth, who is now eighty-seven years of age and lives in the State of Colorado, the widow of a Mr. Benning; John, who is eighty-five years of age, went as a young man out to Australia during the gold excitement on that continent, and still lives there having never married; William, Jr., mentioned below; Henry, who was accidentally killed in a runaway, leaving a wife and children; Julia Ann, widow of Aaron Starkey, lives with her family in Hocking County, Ohio, and is seventy-five years of age; Samuel, who married a Miss Jordan, and at his death left a large family; Lucinda, who first married Landy Mars, and is now the wife of John Vining, living in Ralls County, Missouri, she being seventy years of age.

William Bone, Jr., was born in Jackson Township of Vinton County in August, 1832. He grew up to the career of a farmer and eventually succeeded to the ownership of a part of his father's estate. Still later he went to live on one of the farms belonging to his wife's father in Hocking County, and now at the age of eighty-three he is comfortably situated and has an attractive home in Benton Township of that county. In politics he is a republican, his father before him having been an active whig. William Bone, Jr., was a soldier during the last year of the Civil war, and served with Gen. "Pap" Thomas in the great Battle of Franklin, Tennessee. He was married in Hocking County to Rachel Burns, who was born in a log cabin in Benton Township and died about 1870 at the age of thirty-two. She was of Scotch and English stock, and her parents, both natives of the United States, spent most of their lives as pioneer settlers in Hocking County. William Bone, Jr., and

wife were the parents of the following children: Lydia Ann, who died at the age of three years; William T.; Ida Carney, wife of a farmer in Crawford County, Ohio, and the mother of a daughter named Maud; Florida, wife of Frank Conrad, who is an engineer living at Lancaster, Ohio, and their children are named Jennie, Hazel and Lula.

After reaching manhood William T. Bone married Miss Dora J. Smith. She was born in Jackson Township of Vinton County, March 4, 1869. She died September 27, 1904, after they had lived together happily for a number of years. She was a devoted wife and mother and she left a large group of friends to mourn her loss. She was a sister of Henry C. Smith, a well known citizen of Vinton County and other details of the Smith family will be found on other pages. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bone. Mabel F., born December 4, 1890, died in 1903. Fannie C., born December 28, 1892, received her education in the public schools and is now the wife of Austin Ringer, a miller at Bloomsville in Hocking County. Florence, who was born April 4, 1896, died April 10, 1905.

After his marriage, Mr. Bone went with his wife to a farm of forty-five acres in Jackson Township and occupied that place for a number of years. In 1903 he came to his present farm of seventy-two acres, known as the J. B. Randall farm. It occupies a most picturesque site, standing on a high elevation, and affording a fine view over the rugged country surrounding. Mr. Bone's is one of the many families of Vinton County that use natural gas both for heating and lighting the home. He resides in a comfortable house which was built in 1858 and is still in a good state of repair. He is an active member of the Locust Grove Methodist Church, and his wife is also a member of the same society.

Lafayette Taylor. The monotony which frequently ensues from the continuous following of a single line of endeavor has never been a feature of the career of Lafayette Taylor. The fortunate possessor of versatile talents, he has not alone achieved a success in diversified lines of business life, but has also been able to contribute materially to the advancement of his community's civic interests through his knowledge of men, methods and subjects of importance. At the present time he is a resident of Rarden, in the Hanging Rock Region of Ohio, and is justly accounted one of his town's most substantial men.

Mr. Taylor is a Pennsylvanian by nativity, born December 25, 1855, a son of William and Mary E. (Kelley) Taylor, both natives of the Keystone State. Of their twelve children, six are living. Lafayette Taylor's early education was secured in the public schools of Pennsylvania, the schoolhouse being three miles from his home. During the short winter

terms he trudged daily to and fro this distance in the pursuit of a mental training until he was sixteen years of age, in the meantime working on the home farm during the summer months. For three years he was employed in the timber region, and thus gradually established himself in the business, in which he engaged at Rarden in 1887. In 1884 he was married to Miss Almeida McNeal, of Pike County, Ohio, who was reared and educated there, and to them there has been born one child: Volney S., a graduate of the high school, who attended the State University of Columbus, Ohio, and graduated from the scientific department, married Virginia Wells, of Paintsville, Kentucky.

After coming to Rarden, Mr. Taylor expanded his business interests, and gradually has entered other lines of endeavor, so that he has taken a foremost position among the men who have maintained Rarden's standing as a live, energetic business community. He is president of the Scioto County Good Roads Organization, president of the Scioto County Agricultural Society, president of the Otway Savings Bank, at Otway, and president of the McDermott Stone Company; is extensively engaged in the mercantile business, with a trade attracted from all over the surrounding territory, is engaged in the lumber and timber business in partnership with his son, and is the owner of 1,000 acres of finely-developed farming land in Scioto County. While his business interests are very extensive and demand a great deal of his time and attention, he has also found the leisure and the inclination to take hold of big projects not alone for his own betterment, but for the welfare of the community, and in the widest sense is a progressive and public-spirited citizen. Having himself succeeded, he has ever been ready to lend a helping hand to others who are trying to succeed, for none knows better the difficulties and discouragements of the working-man than he. A pleasant man, easily approached, he has numerous friends in all classes, and has fairly won the confidence of the community through his signal services in behalf of the general welfare.

Mr. Taylor is essentially a home-loving man, but is not indifferent to the pleasure of association with his fellows in fraternal life, and is one of the popular members of the Portsmouth Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Willard Lamb is a prosperous and representative farmer of Scioto County, where he is also interested in a successful general merchandise store. He is a scion, in both the paternal and maternal lines of old and honored pioneer families of this section of Ohio, where the ancestors and both sides settled more than four score years ago, when Southern Ohio was little more than an untramelled wilderness. Mr. Lamb himself is

today one of the oldest native-born citizens residing in Scioto County, and the pioneer farm which was the place of his birth and also that of his honored father is now in his possession, his birth having occurred in the old homestead one mile east of his present place of abode, and the date of his nativity having been June 28, 1844. He is a son of Reuben and Lavina (Chaffin) Lamb, the former of whom passed his entire life in Scioto County, where he died in 1856, and the latter of whom was born in this county on the 20th of February, 1821, her marriage to Reuben Lamb having been solemnized on the 5th of May, 1842. She survived her husband by many years and of the seven children five are living. Mary J., who was born February 25, 1843, is the widow of Claudius Andre and resides at Yorktown, Indiana. Willard was the next in order of birth of the surviving children. Phineas, who was born November 28, 1845, died young. Vilena died in childhood. Persis, who was born November 28, 1849, is the widow of James Coil and resides in the City of Portsmouth, county seat of Scioto County. Horace T. is a resident of the State of Texas, and Ira M. is a representative farmer of Scioto County.

Willard Lamb was reared under the conditions and influences of what may be termed the middle pioneer era in the history of Scioto County, and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the common schools. He continued to be associated with the work of the home farm until he was eighteen years old, when he laid aside the arts of peace to tender his aid in defense of the nation's integrity. He served during the last year of and until the close of the Civil war, as a member of Company D, Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the Battle of Nashville and numerous minor engagements and proved himself a valiant young soldier of the Union, his continued interest in his former comrades in arms being shown by his active affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic.

After the close of the war Mr. Lamb returned to his native county and soon afterward he began independent operations as a farmer on the homestead which is his present place of residence and upon which he has made the best of improvements within the passing years, besides bringing the land up to a high state of cultivation and giving to it such effective management that on every hand are tangible evidence of thrift and prosperity. His farm comprises 108 acres and is eligibly situated two miles north of the village of Franklin Furnace.

Mr. Lamb has given his co-operation in the furtherance of those measures and enterprises that have tended to advance the civic and material welfare of his community and native county, and in politics he is now allied with the progressive party, to which he transferred his

allegiance from the republican party at the time of the national campaign of 1912. Both he and his wife are active members of the Baptist Church.

On the 18th of June, 1868, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lamb to Miss Rebecca M. Stumbaugh, who was born in the State of Illinois, on the 24th of November, 1849, her father having died when she was but ten months old and her mother having passed away and left her doubly orphaned as a child of three years. She was reared in the home of an uncle and received a good common-school education. Her paternal grandfather, Adam Stumbaugh, immigrated to the United States from Germany. Of the twelve children of Mr. and Mrs. Lamb seven are now living: Robert T., who is now manager for the Postal Telegraph Cable Company at Huntington, West Virginia, was formerly chief train dispatcher for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad; Clara E., who is the wife of John Oakes, was a successful music teacher prior to her marriage; Hattie M., who was graduated in a business college, as a bookkeeper, is the wife of Dr. Albert H. Bunshaw, of Webberville, Ingham County, Michigan; Walter W., who was graduated in the Chicago Correspondence School of Law, is a skilled telegraph operator and is employed as train dispatcher at Bagnell, Missouri; Bessie, who was graduated as a trained nurse, at Battle Creek, Michigan, is the wife of Robert K. Hunnell, and they reside in the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Hanson H. is a skilled mechanic and is employed as demonstrator for an automobile concern at Huntington, West Virginia; Lois A., who remains at the parental home, is a stenographer, having been graduated in a commercial college. Lucinda, who is deceased, became the wife of Prof. Henry J. Barrett, who is now superintendent of the public schools of Holidaysburg, Pennsylvania, and of their three children two are living —Elsie M. and Catherine.

Capt. James William Smith.—Patriotic, public-spirited and enterprising, Capt. James William Smith, a prominent citizen of Portsmouth, won distinction during the Spanish-American war as an army officer, and has gained prominence in the business world as president of the River City Lumber Company, one of the foremost industries of Scioto County. A native of Ohio, he was born May 21, 1871, on a farm in Union Township, near Galford, Pike County, of thrifty Scotch ancestry.

His father, Maxwell Smith, was born in the North of Scotland, and as a young man came to America, landing in New York. From there, accompanied by a friend, Leander Wiles, he came to Ohio, locating in Pike County, where he was subsequently variously employed, working on a farm, in the lumber woods, and for a number of seasons operating

a threshing machine. He died while yet in manhood's prime, in Pike County. He married Sarah Schoonover, who was born in Pike County, Ohio, a daughter of James Schoonover. Her grandfather, Hiram Schoonover, was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestors. An early pioneer of Ohio, he took up a tract of timbered land in Union Township, Pike County, and on the farm which he redeemed from the forest spent his remaining years. The maiden name of the wife of Hiram Schoonover was ———— White. She was a lineal descendant of Peregrine White, who was born, in 1620, on board the Mayflower, while she lay at anchor in Plymouth Harbor, on the bleak coast of Massachusetts. Both she and her husband are buried in the Wells Cemetery. James Schoonover married Elizabeth Wells, and they both lived on the home farm in Pike County, and there died, the death of the father occurring in 1910, and that of the mother in 1868.

Capt. James W. Smith attended the rural schools and assisted on the home farm until fifteen years of age, when he obtained employment in the sawmill of Peter Bushart, in Pike County, where he obtained his first experience in the lumber business. At the end of two years in that mill he went to Illinois, and for three years was engaged in farming and stock-raising. Returning to Ohio, Mr. Smith located then in Portsmouth, and entered the employ of the Little Kanawha Lumber Company, at the company's mill having charge of the dry dock that supplied the logs for the plant. He remained in that capacity two years, after which he was for two years carpenter for the Bushart Lumber Company. Starting then in business for himself, Mr. Smith carried on work as a building contractor in a small way until the breaking out of the Spanish-American war. He had previously joined the State Militia as a member of Company H, Fourteenth Regiment, Ohio National Guards, and had been commissioned second lieutenant of his company. Responding to the call for troops his regiment went to Camp Bushnell, at Columbus, April 26, 1898, and there volunteered into the United States service as the Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the companies retaining their same designation. On May 12, 1898, the regiment went into camp at Chickamauga Park, Georgia, from there going, July 20, to Newport News, Virginia, where it embarked on the steamer Saint Paul for Porto Rico. Landing at Aurora, the regiment was there on duty until the following November, when it sailed for New York. Landing in that city November 5, the regiment was received by President McKinley at the White House, Washington, District of Columbia, who had an especial interest in it, as it had been stationed at Columbus while he was serving as governor of the state, and had acted as his body guard. The regiment was granted a furlough of two months, and on January 20, 1899, was honorably discharged from

the service. Captain Smith had the distinction of having been the only member of the regiment to receive three commissions during his term of service in the Spanish-American war. He was commissioned second lieutenant at Columbus; was made first lieutenant at Chickamauga Park; and promoted to the rank of captain when he set sail from Newport News, after which time he had command of his company.

Upon his return from the war Captain Smith organized the Smith Lumber Company, erected a planing mill, and subsequently as a building contractor erected many residences, business and public buildings, including among others the Carnegie Library Building and the Masonic Temple at Portsmouth, Ohio. He continued in that line of industry until 1910. In 1911 Captain Smith merged the Smith Lumber Company with another similar organization, and formed the River City Lumber Company, of which he is president, while his brother, Israel Smith, is a member of the company. This enterprising firm handles lumber and builders' supplies, selling at wholesale and retail, and is carrying on a very prosperous business.

Captain Smith married, August 12, 1891, Martha Galford, who was born in Union Township, Pike County, a daughter of Alexander and Albina (Rockwell) Galford. Captain and Mrs. Smith have three children, namely: Elsie B., Della May, and Homer James. Religiously the family attend the Trinity Methodist Church. Fraternally the Captain is a member of Aurora Lodge No. 48, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; of Calvary Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar; of Solomon Council No. 79, Royal and Select Masters, of Portsmouth, Ohio; and is a Scottish Rite—thirty-second degree Mason; a member of Syrian Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. of Cincinnati, Ohio. A stanch republican in politics, he has filled many offices of responsibility with credit to himself, and to the honor of his constituents. In 1904 the Captain was one of the candidates selected by the business men for the city council, and was elected by a large majority, and continued in office subsequently by re-election for six years. While in the council he served on the committee on light and water, being chairman of the water committee that advocated the system of filtration that has since been adopted. He is a member of the Portsmouth Board of Trade, and was formerly a director of the Commercial Club.

Chester Clyde McCormick. It is of one of the old and well known families of the Hanging Rock Iron Region that Chester Clyde McCormick, lawyer, former probate judge and present city solicitor of Wellston, is a representative. In earlier days the McCormicks were furnace men and active in the iron industry peculiar to this region.

Judge McCormick was born at Monitor Furnace, now Coal Grove, in Lawrence County, Ohio. The founder of this branch of the McCormick family was his great-grandfather, who came from Tipperary, Ireland, and settled in that portion of Virginia which is now West Virginia. The grandfather, McCormick, emigrated from Virginia to Ohio, prior to the Civil war. Mr. McCormick's father was William R. McCormick, who was an old line Hanging Rock furnace man. William R. McCormick was born in 1840 in Lawrence County, Ohio, had a very meager education on account of lack of opportunity, and growing up at a time when the furnaces were in full blast he took up the occupation of furnace man. The noteworthy part of his record is perhaps his service of about four years in the Civil war. He was first with the Eighteenth Ohio Infantry and afterwards with the Fifth Ohio Independent Light Artillery. In politics he was a republican and was a Protestant in religion, though a member of no denomination. He married Miss Patterson, a daughter of Robert and Margaret (McVeigh) Patterson, both of whom were Scotch.

Since early boyhood Judge McCormick has led a very active and versatile career. His own education came from the common schools supplemented by private instruction and a brief normal school attendance. For many years he was one of the popular young teachers of Wellston, and for four years was principal of the high school. Since leaving school work he has been an active member of the bar, and has usually filled some position in the public affairs of Jackson County. He was clerk of the board of deputy supervisors of election, but is perhaps best remembered as probate judge of Jackson County from 1900 to 1906, an administration which was characterized by care of those delicate responsibilities entrusted to his supervision. Judge McCormick is now serving his third term as city solicitor of Wellston. In politics he is a republican and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On June 14, 1894, he married Miss Bertha Vandervort. Mrs. McCormick was reared in this section of Ohio and in addition to the common schools she attended college for a time. Her parents were J. G. and Hannah (Roberts) Vandervort, the former a well known Wellston merchant and also postmaster of that town during Cleveland's first term, while her mother was for a number of years a teacher. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick have two children: Helen McCormick and Thurston McCormick. Helen was born at Wellston July 28, 1895, and is now engaged in teaching. Thurston was born at Wellston January 25, 1898, and is still carrying on his studies.

Frank V. Lantz. On the 17th of June, 1915, Mr. Lantz was appointed postmaster at McArthur, Vinton County, as successor of Thomas

C. Kelley, and the preferment indicates alike his popularity in his native town and the consistent recognition of his activities and influence as one of the leaders in the local councils of the democratic party. He is a scion of one of the oldest and most honored pioneer families of Vinton County and on other pages of this publication adequate data concerning the family history are given in the sketch of the career of his brother, Isaac M. Lantz, so that it is not necessary to repeat the record in this connection, as ready reference may be made to the article in question. Mr. Lantz has in past years most effectively proved his ability and progressiveness in connection with important business activities, and he has maintained his home in his native village during the major part of his life, through his association with important agricultural implements concerns has caused him to travel extensively, the while he has proved a most successful salesman and executive in such connection. As postmaster he is giving a most creditable administration and as one of the representative and distinctively popular citizens of his native county he is specially entitled to recognition in this publication.

Frank Vance Lantz was born at McArthur, Vinton County, Ohio, on the 1st of March, 1861, and here he was reared to manhood, the while he profited fully by the advantages afforded in the public schools. With the exception of three and one-half years passed in Athens County he has continuously maintained his home in his native village, and his loyalty and public spirit found fitting mark of appreciation when he was appointed to his present office. The McArthur postoffice is of the third class and all others in Vinton County are of the fourth class. In connection with the service of the postoffice at the county seat an efficient deputy postmaster and clerk is retained, and from this headquarters three carriers are in service on the rural routes emanating from McArthur and covering a radius of somewhat more than sixty miles. The postoffice was advanced to the third class about a decade ago and from it the rural free delivery service has been maintained since about 1907.

For a time Mr. Lantz was engaged in the hardware business at Coalville and Nelsonville, Athens County, under the firm name of Lantz & Knighton at Coalville, and after his retirement from this firm he served fourteen months as superintendent of a more extensive hardware business at Nelsonville, that county, after which he assumed a similar position in connection with the electric light service and artificial ice plant at that place. After his return to McArthur he entered the employ of the Warder, Bushnell & Glessner Company, the extensive manufacturers of harvesting machinery, at Springfield, this state. This alliance was formed in 1889 and he became field agent and manager for the company for a territory comprising fifteen counties in Southern Ohio and four

counties in West Virginia. As an expert in the business he passed two seasons as representative of this great corporation in Minnesota and South Dakota, his association with the company having terminated in 1898, after which he was for two years representative of the Deering Harvester Company in Southern Ohio. In 1900 he resigned his position and engaged in the retail grocery business at McArthur, where he became the owner of a thoroughly metropolitan grocery in the Raynor-Sprague Building. There he continued at the head of a substantial and prosperous business enterprise up to the time of his appointment to the office of postmaster.

Mr. Lantz has long been recognized as one of the most loyal and vigorous Vinton County advocates of the cause of the democratic party and in its local affairs he has been specially active and influential. He has served as a member of its executive committee for this congressional district and also has given effective service as chairman of the Democratic County Committee, of which he has been a valued member for many years, with much finesse in maneuvering political forces in the various campaigns which he has assisted in directing in this section of the Buckeye State. He takes deep interest in all that tends to advance and maintain the civic and material welfare of his home city and county and his sincerity and genial personality have gained to him a wide circle of staunch friends. He and his family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and are active in the support of the various departments of the work of the church of this denomination in McArthur.

In his native town, the year 1887 recorded the marriage of Mr. Lantz to Miss Eliza B. Sprague, who was born at McArthur on the 10th of August, 1868, and who has here maintained her home during the intervening years. Definite record concerning the Sprague family appears on other pages of this work, in the sketch of the career of her brother, Lewis W. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Lantz have three children: Pearl Frances was graduated in the McArthur High School and thereafter effectively developed her marked musical talent by completing a course in the conservatory of Ohio University, at Athens, in which she was graduated, as a skilled violinist, in the class of 1911. Since that time she has retained a position as instructor in violin music at the university in the City of Vincennes, Indiana. Dena M. was graduated in the piano department of the musical conservatory of Ohio University in 1909, and thereafter devoted one year to successful work as a teacher of music at Sutton, West Virginia. She then became the wife of Orion H. Flesher, and they now maintain their residence at Reynoldsburg, Ohio, where Mr. Flesher is in the employ of the electric street railway company; he is an expert accountant and was graduated in the commercial department

of Ohio University, at Athens. George Sprague, the youngest of the children, is a graduate of the McArthur High School and was employed in his father's grocery store until his father was appointed postmaster, since which time he has held a clerical position in the hardware establishment of his uncle, Isaac M. Lantz, who is one of the representative business men of McArthur.

William H. Brunton. Now living retired at Jackson, William H. Brunton is an honored veteran of the Civil war and his name was for many years intimately associated with the mercantile and agricultural interests of Jackson County.

He is a native son of Jackson County, born on a farm in Franklin Township April 3, 1843. His father was George Brunton, a native of Washington County, Pennsylvania, while the grandfather was Thomas Brunton, probably a native of Germany, but for many years living in Washington County in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Grandfather Brunton came to Jackson County accompanied by his family and bought a tract of land on Four Mile Creek in Franklin Township. After getting his family settled he returned to Pennsylvania in order to complete a contract he had taken for getting out rails. He was never heard from again. George Brunton was about twenty-five years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents. He had more energy and enterprise than capital. First he rented land for a number of years, then bought a farm from William Fuller in Franklin Township and lived there, industrious and prosperous, until his death at the age of sixty-nine. He married Mary Stiffler who was also born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Peter and Mary Stiffler, natives of the same state and of German ancestry. Mrs. George Brunton died at the age of seventy-two. She was the mother of ten children who grew to maturity.

The third son of the family, William H. Brunton, was reared in the rural districts of Jackson County, attended the local schools, and when nineteen years of age volunteered his services for the defense of the Union. He went out as a private in Company K of the Ninety-first Ohio Infantry Regiment, and was with that command in all its campaigns and battles until the close of the war, excepting only about two months. Among other battles in which he participated was Fisher's Hill, Clyde Mountain, Cedar Creek, Stevenson's Depot, Lynchburg and Harper's Ferry. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the war, and then returned home to take up farming. A few years later he moved to the Town of Jackson, and engaged in merchandise business. He finally traded his farm for city property, and is now retired from active affairs.

At the age of twenty-four Mr. Brunton married Elizabeth Emily Corn, who was born in Franklin Township, a daughter of Adam and Nancy Corn. They have reared four children: Clarence L., Cora May, Ella and Emmet M.

Mr. and Mrs. Brunton are members of the Christian Church and he is affiliated with Francis Smith Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

David Vance Rannells. For almost eighty years the family name of Rannells has been one of the most prominent in Vinton County. The old homestead on the banks of Raccoon Creek in Swan Township was first settled by the father and grandfather of the present generation during the late '30s. The labors of three generations have worked many marvelous changes and transformations since then, and in view of the successful industry and the many influences that have pervaded the community from this homestead it is not strange that the name is associated with the highest honor and respectability in that section of the Hanging Rock Iron Region.

The Rannells family were originally Scotch-Irish people, and they located in the center of the Scotch-Irish settlement in the western Allegheny Region some years prior to the Revolutionary war. For many years the family seat was in Washington County in Southwestern Pennsylvania, and all of the family belonged to what might be regarded as the established church of that section, the Presbyterian. Some of them served in the Revolutionary war, fighting the British and Indians and guarded the western frontier of the colonies. A number of the descendants are now members of the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution. The great-grandfather of Daniel Vance Rannells was David Rannells, who spent all his long and useful life in Washington County and it is probable that he too bore some part in the Revolutionary struggle.

It was in Washington County, Pennsylvania, that Joseph Rannells, grandfather of David Vance Rannells, was born in 1784. In early manhood he pioneered into the Ohio Valley and located in Guernsey County, where he married Elizabeth Bay. She was born October 27, 1784, in Guernsey County, and her family were among the earliest pioneers along the Ohio River. She grew up and spent practically all her life in Guernsey County. Joseph Rannells and wife had the following children, all of them born at Cumberland, Ohio: Thomas, born April 12, 1813; Sarah M., born July 12, 1816, and died in Northwestern Missouri in 1877, the wife of Robert Marshall; Samuel, who was born November 11, 1817, and died at the age of nine months; David, born June 3, 1819, and died at the age of eighteen from the measles; and Joseph Watson, who was

born July 18, 1825, and died December 17, 1877, one of the prominent and influential citizens of Swan Township in Vinton County, where his widow and some of his children still live.

Thomas Rannells, father of David Vance Rannells, grew up in Guernsey County, and was about twenty-five years of age when in 1838 he accompanied his father, Joseph, into Vinton County. He made the trip on horseback, and found almost a wilderness. After some search they selected a large tract of more than 300 acres on Raccoon Creek in section 25 of Swan Township, and secured this land, which was covered with a rich growth of forest timber, largely poplar. It was the site for a beautiful homestead, and in that one community the Rannells family has ever since lived and prospered. Grandfather Joseph Rannells died July 1, 1848, and his wife had passed away at Cumberland in June, 1838. Both were prominent people in Guernsey County, and they had to do with the founding of the Presbyterian Church there and took an active part in its support and maintenance. Grandfather Joseph was a whig in politics.

In April, 1841, Thomas Rannells returned to New Concord, Ohio, and claimed his bride, Miss Mahala McCreary. She was born near New Concord April 11, 1821. After her marriage she came with her husband to Vinton County and helped him build up there a fine home and rear their children in the ways of honor and usefulness. They spent their lives at the old homestead now owned by their sons, David Vance and William Samuel, and the father died June 6, 1888, and the mother on January 16, 1892. They are buried side by side in the cemetery at New Plymouth and they were among the most prominent members and active workers in the New Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Thomas Rannells was a republican in politics.

David Vance Rannells was one of the youngest in a family of six sons and three daughters, all of whom were born on the old homestead which he now occupies, and four of whom are still living. They are: Mrs. E. J. Cable of Nelsonville, Ohio, James Watson of Manhattan, Kansas, William Samuel and David Vance, who reside on the old homestead. Of the deceased members of the family Mary E. was the oldest, and married William F. Vance. She died in Manhattan, Kansas, September, 1907; Leah J. married Vernon C. Stiers, and she died near Alexandria, Ohio, in January, 1910; Joseph A. died in Vinton County in 1899; Hilas B. died in Manhattan, Kansas, in 1913; Thomas died at the family home April 2, 1892. David Vance and his brother, William S., still own the old homestead of nearly 800 acres, the larger portion of which is fine grazing land. They were associated together in their operations as extensive sheep and wool growers until a few years ago, but now

manage the business individually. These brothers were peculiarly successful in the growing and breeding of sheep, and kept a flock of from 700 to 800 head as wool bearers, and each year the wool clip that went to the market from the Rannells farm was perhaps as large as came from any one place in Southern Ohio. In recent years they have given more and more attention to cattle, and this business is also conducted on a profitable scale.

David Vance Rannells during his younger years spent seven years as a teacher, and is a well-educated man. At Cameron, Missouri, on December 3, 1902, he married Miss Mary Longstreth. Mrs. Rannells is a highly cultured woman and belonged to one of the most select families in the country community around Cameron in one of the most beautiful and fertile sections in Northwestern Missouri. She was born on her father's farm southeast of Cameron September 19, 1876, and was one of a large family of children. Her father, Washington Longstreth was one of the most successful farmer citizens in his locality, and a man of no little prominence and influence both in local civic affairs and in all that touched the moral and religious uplift of his section. Mrs. Rannells received her early education in the country schools, and was also a student for four years in the Missouri Wesleyan College at Cameron, and afterwards taught in the public schools of her native state and in Kansas for about seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rannells take justifiable pride in their little family of children. The oldest is Florence Mahala, born March 19, 1904, and now in the sixth grade of the public schools; Thomas Longstreth, born January 29, 1906, is in the fourth grade of the public schools; Robert Longstreth, born March 6, 1908, is in the third grade of school, and Mary E., the youngest, was born Christmas Day, 1910. It should be mentioned that in 1913 the baby daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was entered for the Better Baby Contest at the State Fair in Columbus, and stood the rigid test of scientific scoring for points, and was given a prize of five dollars in gold and a beautiful souvenir. Mr. and Mrs. Rannells are both active members of the Presbyterian Church at New Plymouth. Mr. Rannells is a member of the local school board and at present he is master of Plymouth Grange, No. 1856, and always shows a deep interest in any movement for the welfare of his community or state.

Charles A. M. Damarin. In the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio among the pioneers probably no business man was distinguished by greater influence, integrity, and broader usefulness than the late Charles A. M. Damarin, who for many years was identified with Portsmouth and vicinity, and whose descendants still live in that section of Ohio.

Charles A. M. Damarin was born in Paris, France, April 10, 1797. His father, Antonius M. M. Damarin, also a native of France, emigrated to America in 1817, bringing with him his two sons, Charles and Augustus. The former had been well reared and educated in his native land, and was twenty years of age when he first came to this country. From New York City the father and his two sons went directly to Southern Ohio, and located at the old French settlement at Gallipolis on the Ohio River. Charles Damarin there began his career as a clerk, but in a short time his business capacity was demonstrated by the purchase of an interest in the business of his employer, John Peter Roumains. After a number of years during which he had made considerable progress toward business prosperity Mr. Damarin in 1830 returned to Paris, and was in that city at the time Charles X was dethroned. When he returned to the United States in 1831 he was accompanied by his mother and his sister, Pauline.

In 1831 Mr. Damarin moved from Gallipolis to Cincinnati, was in business there two years, and then established a retail grocery house at Portsmouth. Successful from the start, he soon enlarged his scope of operations to include a wholesale business, extended his commercial relations to a large territory in several states, and in course of time had amassed a fortune.

It was his interest in enterprises closely related with the general welfare and progress of Southern Ohio that made the career of Mr. Damarin particularly noteworthy. In his history of Scioto County the author, Mr. Evans, who knew him well, said: "He took the lead in business affairs in Portsmouth and maintained it all his life. While he was in active business no enterprise of any public consequence was undertaken unless he was in it and at the first. He was one of the founders of the Commercial Bank and one of its directors. He was one of the first to start the Scioto rolling mill and he built the Hamden Furnace, and by endorsing made it possible to build the Scioto and Hocking Valley Railroad. In 1835 he was selected to obtain a loan of ten thousand dollars to build a court house, and the commissioners left the money with him and checked it out as needed. He had a strong will, great power of endurance both mental and physical, and his integrity shone above all other qualities. He was charitable and benevolent."

Charles A. M. Damarin married Harriet Offner, a daughter of Doctor Jacob and Mary (Harness) Offner. To their marriage were born three children, namely: Augustus A. M.; Mary E., wife of Albert B. Voorheis of Cincinnati; and Harriet, wife of George Drake Scudder of Portsmouth.

Thomas David Shirkey. One of the oldest practicing attorneys of Lawrence County, identified with the bar of Ironton for more than thirty years, Thomas D. Shirkey's career has been characterized by the usual accomplishments and rewards of the successful lawyer, and at the same time by a distinctive and influential place in the community.

Thomas David Shirkey was born at Athalia, Lawrence County, Ohio, March 6, 1859. His father, Greenley T. Shirkey, who was born in West Virginia February 26, 1829, was one of the early and able educators in Ohio and elsewhere and died December 5, 1888. The mother's maiden name was Clarissa A. McGee, who was born in Washington County, Ohio, December 12, 1833, and died September 7, 1913. The Ironton lawyer is their only child. As a boy he attended the common schools and was also a student in the select schools opened and conducted by his father at different places in the county. As a part of his early experience there was two years of work as a teacher, one term in Lawrence County and one term in Cabell County, West Virginia. Mr. Shirkey prepared for the law at the University of Michigan, graduating LL. B. March 29, 1882. In November 1912 Mr. Shirkey had completed thirty years of active practice at Ironton, and his associates have long held him in the highest esteem and attribute his success as a practitioner to a thorough ability linked with frank and honest dealings with his clients.

Mr. Shirkey was married May 24, 1886, to Florence Crever, of Windsor Township, Lawrence County. Mr. Shirkey has taken both the lodge and encampment degrees in Odd Fellowship, is a member of the Knights of Pythias, attends the First Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics is a republican. Besides his comfortable residence in Ironton, he is the owner of town property in Proctorville, and also a fine farm of 100 acres in the same vicinity. While he has been a close student and worker in his profession, Mr. Shirkey has found diversion in the mechanical trades of cabinet maker and machinist, and has spent much of his leisure time in practical work along those lines. He is a man of broad intelligence, has kept well informed in literature and affairs, and everyone in Ironton recognizes his thorough public spirit as a citizen.

John R. Clark. Two of the most esteemed residents of Elk Township in Vinton County are John R. Clark and his sister, Mattie, who are proprietors of and occupy the old Robert Clark homestead, which was first owned by their grandfather. This is a farm which has been under the direction and has returned its crops through one season to the other for the benefit of one family for a great many years. The Clarks have been among the real home builders and home makers in Vinton County

and their activities deserve some record in the history of the Hanging Rock Iron Region.

Robert Clark, the grandfather, was probably born in Virginia. For a number of years he lived in the Hope Station community in what is now Vinton County, Ohio. While he was living there his son, Abram, father of John R. Clark and sister, was born August 7, 1842. When the latter was still young the family came into Elk Township of Vinton County and established a home on the farm now occupied by John R. Clark and sister. Robert Clark married Miss Nancy Fee of Virginia. She died on the old homestead July 3, 1879, having been born March 15, 1811. Such are some of the brief records contained in the old family Bible, which originally belonged to grandmother Nancy Clark. This old book is still well preserved and is kept as a precious family heirloom by her grandchildren. Robert Clark after the death of his first wife married Eva Webb, who is still living, making her home with her niece, Mrs. John Falkner, of Swan Township of Vinton County. She is now seventy-eight years of age and in quite good health for her years. Several years before his death Robert Clark moved to Zaleski in Vinton County, and died there August 17, 1897. He was born August 11, 1817.

Abram Clark, father of John R., grew up in Southern Ohio and after establishing his home in Elk Township he met and married on May 3, 1864, Emma Dillon. She was born west of McArthur in Elk Township June 10, 1844, and was reared and educated in this locality. Her parents were John L. and Ellen (Huston) Dillon, who were early settlers of Elk Township, where they acquired and developed a home and spent most of their active lives. Mr. Dillon died at the age of sixty-two and his wife at the age of sixty-seven. They were also Virginia people, members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Dillon was a democrat. By occupation he was a shoemaker but did not spend all his time at the cobbler's bench, and in connection conducted a farm and was also in the nursery business. There were seven children in the Dillon family and three are still living.

After his marriage Abram Clark and wife located on a farm belonging to Mr. Dillon. A few months after their marriage Abram Clark enlisted in Company C of the 148th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He got as far as Harper's Ferry, where suffering from a milgnant attack of the measles he was confined in the hospital throughout the entire period of his enlistment, being given an honorable discharge without having seen any active field service. He never entirely recovered from the disease with which he was afflicted during his brief term in the army service. However, he was a man of great industry and energy and built up a good home for his children. He died at the old homestead in Elk Township March

1, 1885. He was a strong democrat in politics but held to no church creed. He was a man well respected, and was loved most by those who knew him best. His widow died at the old home farm September 8, 1907. She was reared a Presbyterian.

Abram Clark and wife were the parents of three children. Pearl Martin, the other son, was born September 13, 1865, and is now conducting a feed store at Chillicothe, Ohio. He married Effie Holdren, and they have a son, Lloyd, now twelve years of age and in school. Martha J., better known as Mattie, was born, reared and educated in Elk Township, and has spent practically all her life on the old homestead, where she is housekeeper for her brother, John R. They own jointly the fine farm of two hundred forty acres, one-half of which originally belonged to their grandfather, Robert Clark. This is a farm that in the course of many years has undergone constant improvement and is one of the most productive places in Elk Township. The staple crops are corn, wheat and oats, and Mr. Clark keeps some high grade live stock, horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. The home in which Mr. and Miss Clark reside is a substantial six room house which was built by their grandfather, Robert Clark. There are other farm buildings, conveniently arranged and equipped, and the entire estate is one of great value and furnishes a beautiful and comfortable home for these two noble people who have lived so long and so honorably in Vinton County. Mr. Clark is a democrat in politics.

John E. Jones. One of the prominent iron operators in the Hanging Rock Iron Region is John E. Jones, who practically grew up around the furnaces in Jackson County and has extended his interests to a number of business corporations in this part of the state.

John E. Jones is a son of Eben and Ann (Williams) Jones, and was born at Jefferson Furnace in Jackson County. As a boy he attended country schools, and at the same time gained a valuable business experience by assisting in the store at Jefferson Furnace. On leaving school he was made storekeeper at the Globe Furnace, and has been closely identified with that business ever since. For a number of years he has been secretary, treasurer and general manager, and in the meantime has acquired financial and business relations with a number of other corporations in Jackson and elsewhere.

In 1892 Mr. Jones married Blanche Armstrong, a daughter of David and Eliza (Martin) Armstrong. They are the parents of five children: Frances A., Harold Armstrong, Edwin Alfred, David Ellsworth and Marshall Hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Presbyterian Church at Jackson, and Mr. Jones is prominent in Masonic circles. He has affiliation

with Trowel Lodge No. 132, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons; with Trowel Chapter No. 73, Royal Arch Masons; with Jackson Commandery No. 53, Knights Templar; with Cincinnati Consistory of the Scottish Rite, and with the Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Columbus.

JOHN G. WAGNER. Few residents of the country community in Scioto County have more thoroughly deserved the esteem and high standing among fellow citizens than John G. Wagner, whose home has been in Scioto County since his birth. His years were still those of boyhood when he first took a hand in the practical affairs of life, and with little education and relying almost entirely on his native ability and industry has prospered as few other residents in this section have, considering his humble beginning, and now enjoys not only a comfortable competence, an excellent home, but is favored with a position of high esteem in his community.

John G. Wagner was born on the George Davis farm in Clay Township of Scioto County December 25, 1862, a son of Leonard and Rosa (Kedch) Wagner. Both parents were Germans by birth, came to the United States alone, and Leonard Wagner was for some years employed by farmers living in Scioto County. They married in this county, and are both now deceased. There were six children, and five sons are living at the present time: Fred, a farmer in Missouri; George, who lives on a farm in Iowa; John G.; Henry, whose home is in Scioto County; and William, a farmer in Valley Township.

John G. Wagner was reared on a farm, and when the seasons of constant employment relaxed sufficiently he was able to attend the country schools. Most of his education came from practical work, and from early boyhood he did much to support the family, and contributed to the means which allowed his good mother to maintain a home until he was past twenty-one. When he started out for himself, he had only his proved industry and no money capital. Thus his material accomplishments represent his individual labor and good judgment. At the present time Mr. Wagner is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres in Valley Township, and his neighbors refer to him with the respect which is always paid to successful men. Mr. Wagner is one of the trustees of the Miller's Run Wesley Chapel, where he and his family worship. In politics he is a democrat.

Mr. Wagner married in December, 1893, Martha Porter. They became the parents of two children, and the one daughter now living is Carrie, wife of Walter Rapp, and they in turn have a child, Melvin Rapp. Mrs. Wagner was born in Madison Township of Scioto County May 27, 1870, daughter of John and Eleanor (Carley) Porter, both now deceased,

and both natives of Pennsylvania. There were seven children in the Porter family, five of whom are living: Mary, widow of Joseph Kronk of Scioto County; Alice, widow of Mr. Puterage; Frank, who lives in Scioto County; Anna, widow of John Kline of Cincinnati; and Martha. Mrs. Wagner was reared on a farm, was educated in the district schools, and since her marriage has co-operated effectively with her husband in producing the generous prosperity which they now enjoy.

Joseph Hewitt. The most enduring success is that wrung from years of patient industry, many acts of self denial, thrift and intelligent enterprise. When to these characteristics have been added those of kindly fellowship and public spirit in behalf of community affairs, it constitutes a commendable degree of success in whatever sphere and station the fortunate man may be. Representing this type of citizen in the Hanging Rock Iron Region is Joseph Hewitt, general farmer and stock raiser, of Swan Township, Vinton County. His homestead is one of the historic old farms located near Creola, though he himself has owned it for only about a dozen years. It contains 125 acres, well improved, and passing through the farm is the Brushy Creek or as more commonly known Silvery Creek. His country home comprises a seven-room residence, with good barn and other out buildings, and he makes a specialty of first class crops and stock.

Joseph Hewitt was born in Swan Township, in the northern section April 2, 1841. He has spent practically all his life in the county, and since early manhood his career has been that of farmer and stock raiser.

When all Southern Ohio was a wilderness, and the few white men were battling not only with the material obstacles in the way of the conquest of a new land, but also with hostile Indians, the first of the Hewitt family sought settlement in Athens County. The pioneer was Moses Hewitt. In those early days while following his chief vocation as a woodsman and hunter he was captured by the Indians and carried by them into the wilds of what is now either Ross or Vinton County. He was tied to a stake and it was the immediate intention of his captors to burn him. While they were hunting fagots to heap around his feet, he managed to slip the knot in his bonds and by the exercise of all those crafts and arts which his long experience in the western wilds had given him he made his escape. For a number of hours he lay in a hollow log while the woods were being combed by the red men, then after days of suffering and hardship he found his way back home, where he arrived nearly famished, so that for several days he had to be fed with a spoon. This experience created in him an inveterate enmity of Indians and he and they were

implacable foes as long as he lived or as the Indians remained in the country.

A son of this Indian fighter and pioneer was Aaron Hewitt, who was born in Athens County, Ohio. He also grew up trained and versed in all the arts of the hunter and was one of the most skillful in his time in the hunting of bear and deer. He spent nearly all his life in Athens County, but when quite old he came to Vinton County and died there in 1863. He was twice married. His first wife was the mother of Robert Hewitt, who in turn was the father of Joseph Hewitt. Robert was their only child.

Robert Hewitt was born in Waterloo Township of Athens County about 1810, was reared there, and in young manhood moved to Vinton County. Here he married Miss Mary Dalton, who was born in the State of Maryland and when quite young came to Southern Ohio with her parents, Nathan Dalton and wife. Nathan Dalton was a farmer in Swan Township and died there when about ninety years of age, having survived his wife. He was a whig and later a republican. After his marriage Robert Hewitt located on a new farm in Swan Township and on that homestead all his ten children were born. Five of them died young. Robert Hewitt was quite an old man when in 1862 he volunteered his services in defense of the Union as a member of Company B, Ninetieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served until the close of the war and participated in many battles, though escaping without wounds. With slightly impaired health he returned home, but a few years later he was stricken with lung fever and died in 1870. His widow died about ten years later in Swan Township when past seventy years. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics he was a republican who was entrusted with several township offices. The surviving children of Robert and Mary (Dalton) Hewitt are Mary, Joseph, Hulda, William and Newton, all of whom are married.

Joseph Hewitt married in Swan Township Miss Mahala Steele. She was born in Swan Township December 22, 1842, and was reared and educated there and had spent practically all her life in Swan Township. Her parents were Nathan and Elizabeth (Steele) Steele. Her father was born in Maryland and her mother in Ohio and they were married in Vinton County, starting their careers in Swan Township not far from Ebenezer. There Mrs. Steele died about 1844 when Mrs. Hewitt was an infant. There were two other daughters, Harriet and Jane, both now deceased. Nathan Steele after the death of his first wife married Ruth Ellis. He died in Swan Township July 27, 1895, and his second wife three years later. They were both honest, upright Christian people and Nathan Steele's advice was widely sought because of his good judgment

and thorough integrity. He was a republican, and was for a great many years a member of the Ebenezer Methodist Church. He and his wife are both buried in the cemetery there. Nathan Steele by his second wife had three children: Sarah, who died after her marriage to Richard Tinkham; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Will Cox, a farmer in Swan Township; and Finley Steele, who is unmarried and lives on the old Steele homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hewitt are members of no one church, though with their family they usually attend the Christian Church at Creola. In politics he is a republican and has always borne a substantial reputation in his community. Joseph Hewitt and wife are the parents of six children: Ira T., who was educated in the Zaleski schools and is now in business at Columbus, has been twice married, first to Olie Bartlett, by whom there is a son named Alfred now twelve years of age and living with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hewitt, and the name of his second wife was Florence Danner. Robert N., who completed his education in the public schools, is now an engineer with the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, is unmarried and lives at Chillicothe, Ohio. Riley W. lives on a farm of his own in Swan Township, and by his marriage to Millie Shull has children named Levera, now deceased; Joseph, Adelbert, and an infant. George W. Hewitt is given particular mention in following paragraphs. M. Elizabeth, who resides with her father and mother, is the wife of William E. York, who is now an engineer on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway. Homer is a Swan Township farmer and by his marriage to Cora Ellis has children named Bernice, Harold, Lucile and Mary Elizabeth.

George W. Hewitt, who is one of the most progressive general farmers of Vinton County, has an excellent home in Jackson Township, section 24, near McArthur. There he owns 130 acres of well improved land, growing wheat, corn and other staple crops and residing with his family in a substantial six-room house and with a good barn and other buildings attached. This has been Mr. George Hewitt's home for the past ten years and he has owned the farm five years.

He was born in Vinton County January 10, 1874, and has spent practically all his life in this locality. After getting his education in the local schools and reaching manhood he started out as a farmer on his own account.

George W. Hewitt was married in Jackson Township to Miss Mary E. Kelley. She was born in Swan Township in 1878, a daughter of Flem and Celesta (Sill) Kelley, who now live in Jackson Township on a farm. They have spent all their lives in Vinton County and are now past sixty years of age and still vigorous and well. The father is a republican and

the mother a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Hewitt was the third in a family of four children, the others being: Hattie, wife of Lewis Ranchell of Hocking County, where by a former marriage she had two sons; Samantha, wife of Charles Witherspoon, a farmer in Swan Township; and Anna is the wife of Joseph Snipp, a farmer near Locust Grove in Jackson Township, and they have one son and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt have five children: Retha M., aged fourteen, is now in the eighth grade of the public schools; Coral F., aged ten, is in the fifth grade; Mary, aged six, is also in school; and the two younger are Rhoda M. and Helen M. Mrs. Hewitt is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lotus Grove. In politics he is a republican.

William L. Griffith, M. D. Both in the character of his practice and the value of his service to the community, Doctor Griffith is recognized as the leading physician and surgeon at Pedro Postoffice in Lawrence County. Doctor Griffith has been identified with his profession for over twenty years. He grew up on a farm in Lawrence County, and by hard work, with opportunities for schooling only three months at a time, laid the basis of his education, and finally succeeded in realizing his ambition to become a physician. His has been a self-made career in the best sense of that term, and his accomplishments and attainments are in the highest degree creditable.

William L. Griffith was born in Aid Township, Lawrence County, February 2, 1857. His father, Louis A. Griffith, was born in Center County, Pennsylvania, in 1820, came to Ohio when a mere boy, and was the son of a charcoal burner, who operated the kilns for the production of the charcoal used in the old Union Furnace in Lawrence County. Louis A. Griffith was one of the first iron moulders to manufacture the old iron kettles made at the Union Furnace. He afterwards was a farmer, and a man of unusual prominence and influence in Lawrence County, serving as county commissioner and for a number of years as justice of the peace in Aid Township. Louis A. Griffith married Zerelda Stuart, who was born in Lawrence County near the French Grant in 1823, and died in 1906. The father died in 1878. Their ten children were: Sarah, Amos, Mary, Louanna, Susan, Samuel D., William L., Martha, Louis F. and John S.

Doctor Griffith was reared on a farm, and such education as he was able to acquire up to the age of twenty was spread over a number of terms, alternating between the periods of hard work in cultivating the land and performing the various duties of farm life. After a year spent as a school teacher in Aid Township, he took up farming on land

given him by his father in Lymes Township for five years. Doctor Griffith then found the means to enter Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, and was graduated with his well earned degree M. D. in 1893. His first practice was at Steece in Lawrence County for two years, and from there he went out to the Northwest and was located a year and a half at Tacoma, Washington. Returning to Southern Ohio, he again practiced for two years at Steece, located at Etna Furnace in 1897, and has since continued the work of his profession in that vicinity, with Pedro as his postoffice. He has a large general practice extending throughout the surrounding country. Doctor Griffith is a member of the County and State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association, and is local surgeon for the D., T. & I. Railway, having held that post since 1906. Through his long and successful practice he has acquired considerable property, owns his residence and twenty-three acres of improved land in Elizabeth Township and eighty-two acres of good farming land in Lymes Township of Lawrence County.

Doctor Griffith was married February 2, 1882, at Gallipolis, Ohio, to Sarepta Wiseman, daughter of Louis F. and Mary (Carter) Wiseman of Lymes Township, Lawrence County. They are the parents of three children: Amos, who married Phoebe Johnson, and is a railway conductor living at Ironton; Clara A., who is the wife of Robert Stevens, a railroad man living at Hanging Rock; and May Erma, who lives at home and is an assistant rural mail carrier out of Pedro. Doctor Griffith has taken thirty-two degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry and is also affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. His church is the Methodist. In politics he is a republican, and has served as postmaster at Pedro since November 15, 1904.

George Rineheart. Not only has the life of George Rineheart of Jackson Township, Vinton County, been prolonged beyond the age of four score, but his years have been filled with a usefulness and influence that have for more than half a century made him one of the important factors in the affairs of his home county.

He was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1832, a son of Stephen and Sarah (Weischtiler) Rineheart, who were also natives of Greene County. The paternal great-grandparents were both natives of Germany, but spent most of their lives in Greene County, Pennsylvania, where they were pioneers. Both the paternal and maternal grandfathers of George Rineheart were named George and both were natives of Greene County, Pennsylvania, where they married and spent the rest of their days. They and their wives were hard working and thrifty people and established good farm homes and reared large families of chil-

dren. Nearly all of the early ancestors of Mr. Rineheart were democrats in politics. Stephen Rineheart was one of nine children, six sons and three daughters, and after he grew to manhood and was married he started life as a farmer near Waynesburg in Greene County. In that community all their children were born, and two of his daughters, Elizabeth and Hannah, died there after their marriage, leaving children. Stephen Rineheart was a thrifty farmer and stock drover, and he and his wife lived to be past eighty years of age. They were noble types of the old time citizens. The mother was a member of the Christian Church and the father was a democrat in politics.

George Rineheart was fourteen years old when his father died at the age of forty-five. He grew up in his native county and acquired an ordinary education in the local schools. When still a boy he came to Ohio and located in Guernsey County, where he started working as a farm hand. Later he moved to Noble County, Ohio, and there married Anna Bishop. She was born and reared in Noble County, and her father, Samuel Bishop, was an early settler in that county. Both her parents were natives of England, where they married, but spent most of their active careers on a farm in Noble County.

In 1862 with his wife and three children, Mr. Rineheart moved into Vinton County, Ohio, where he bought a 160 acres of land in Jackson Township. With the co-operation of his wife, who was devoted to her home and thrifty and industrious, he improved his land and gradually got ahead in the world. Later, in 1895, he bought a 160 acres in another tract, this being well improved when he bought it.

On the first farm he owned in Vinton County Mrs. Rineheart passed away March 9, 1904, when a little past sixty-seven years of age. She had endeared herself to a large circle of friends and acquaintances by her noble character, and she herself was the mother of five children. The oldest of these, Samuel, died in young manhood. Edison, who was born in Noble County in 1858, was reared and educated in Vinton County, and now owns and operates a 160 acres of land in Jackson Township. He is an excellent farmer and a man who exerts a strong influence in his community. On January 25, 1880, he married in Swan Township of Vinton County Antha E. Witherspoon. She was born in Swan Township forty-six years ago and was well educated. Her parents were Capt. John S. and Delia (Albin) Witherspoon, both of whom are now deceased, having lived for many years on a farm in Swan Township. Captain Witherspoon was also a teacher for a number of years and later was a local preacher in a Methodist Episcopal Church. He served through the Civil war, first as a lieutenant and later as a captain of Company I of the Ninetieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was once wounded by a bullet

in the thigh. He had two brothers, David and William, who were also soldiers in the war. Mrs. Edison Rineheart is the mother of four children: Winnie, who is married; Nellie, who is married and lives at Woburn; Irvin and Roy, both at home. Antha, the oldest daughter of Mr. Rineheart, is the wife of William Edward and they live in St. Louis, Missouri. The son, George, died when twenty-nine years of age, after his marriage, and he left a son, Verne, who is a pharmacist and lives with his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Gibbs, in California. Lolla, the youngest of Mr. Rineheart's children, died after her marriage to Frank Binkley, and they lived in Hamilton, Ohio.

During the past year Mr. George Rineheart has lived with the family of his son, Edison. While his work primarily has been as a farmer, he has for many years been accounted a most proficient family physician of the homespun order in Vinton County. It is reported on reliable authority that he has cured more people in the county than any regular physician. He was reared a democrat, but after the war he became a republican. He was also reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, but in late years had worshiped as a Methodist.

Charles Hoop. From his fourteenth year, Charles Hoop has been engaged in business as a machinist, and through a career of industry and perseverance has succeeded in establishing himself in an independent position. He was born at Latrobe Furnace, Jackson County, Ohio, February 2, 1863, and is a son of Peter and Ellen (Patterson) Hoop. His grandfather, also named Peter Hoop, was born February 12, 1800, in Germany, and was three years old when brought to the United States, where in after years he became prominent as a promoter of furnaces, principally in Ohio. He was married in 1823 to Miss Lantz, and they passed the remaining years of their lives in Jackson County. On the maternal side, Charles Hoop's grandmother was Ellen Patterson, who was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1815, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years.

Peter Hoop, the father of Charles Hoop, was born in Jackson County, Ohio, grew up in the Hanging Rock Iron Region, received a public school education, and when still a youth became connected with his father in the promotion of furnaces, a business with which he continued to be identified throughout his life. He married Miss Ellen Patterson, also a native of Jackson County, and they became the parents of ten children, namely: Mattie, James, Francis, Charles, Alice, Peter, Emma, Nellie, Willie and Thomas.

Charles Hoop received his education in the public schools of his native locality, and when but fourteen years of age was put to work learning

the trade of machinist. In this vocation he made such rapid progress and showed such proficiency that at the age of eighteen years he was placed in charge of all the machinery at Latrobe Furnace. Since that time he has been interested in various ways in the furnace business, and at this time has his headquarters at Wellston, where he is well and favorably known in commercial and industrial circles. Mr. Hoop has always been a great lover of horses, and for a number of years was prominently engaged in raising, selling and racing fast horses, but of recent years has not engaged in this line of activity.

In 1895 Mr. Hoop was married to Miss Susie McGarvey, daughter of John McGarvey, and to this union there have been born two children: Robin and Gould.

Fenton Elsworth Waxler. For nearly half a century members of the Waxler family have had their home in Vinton County. It is an old and well known name in Elk Township, where Fenton Elsworth Waxler has for fully thirty years prospered as a progressive farmer and stock raiser, and has in that time developed one of the pleasantest country homes to be found in all the country around McArthur.

He is descended from both Ohio and Virginia stock. His grandfather, George Waxler, was born in Virginia, grew up on a farm there, but when still young came to Ohio and located in Muskingum County. There he married a native of Muskingum County, Susan Ashton. They then settled on the Muskingum River, where for a number of years George Waxler conducted a salt works. Later he became a farmer, having moved down the river from Zanesville, and on his farm spent the rest of his days. Both he and his wife were quite old when they died. Both were church people, he a member of the United Brethren and she in the Methodist Church. They were the parents of twelve children. The two now living are: Mrs. Duanna Etta Neff of Zanesville, Ohio; and Mrs. Nancy, widow of Alva Waxler, of Taylorsville, Ohio.

George Waxler, Jr., one of these twelve children and the third in order of birth, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, in January, 1832. He grew up there, and in 1854 married Miss Henrietta Swartz. She was born in Virginia October 22, 1832, and when thirteen years of age came with her family to Muskingum County, Ohio. She was also one of twelve children, most of whom grew up and married and besides Mrs. Waxler those now living are Wilson, John and Tillie, all of whom are married and have families. Their parents were Daniel and Mary (Mowery) Swartz. The former was born in Virginia and the latter in Germany, having come with her parents when six years of age to the United States. After George Waxler Jr., married he continued to live

in Muskingum County until the spring of 1867. In the meantime four children, Alice, Fremont, Louis H. and Fenton Elsworth were born into their household. Alice died in March, 1900, and Fremont and Lewis H. died young. Fenton Elsworth and Alice were the only ones who accompanied their parents on the removal in 1867 to Vinton County. They located in Elk Township not far from what is now Vinton Station on the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, three miles east of McArthur. They acquired a part of the old Jones estate, comprising 257 acres. The improvement was a substantial nine-room brick house. George Waxler Jr., continued to live there and operate the farm until he was accidentally killed on the Baltimore & Ohio Railway near his home November 20, 1886. He was not only a very energetic and prosperous farmer, but a man whose character commanded respect wherever he went. As a republican he held several local offices, and was also a Union soldier in the Civil war from 1862 until the close. He enlisted from Muskingum County in the 122d Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a private and went through without wounds or capture. Much of his service was in the quartermaster's department. He was an active member of the United Brethren Church. His widow is still living, making her home with her son Fenton Elsworth, and in spite of her eighty-three years still hale and hearty, able to look after part of the household duties and is a much beloved personage in her community. She has been a lifelong member of the United Brethren Church. After the family came to Vinton County two other sons were born: George V., who lives in Jackson County and by his marriage to Eva Timms has six sons and daughters; and William H., who is agent and operator for the Hocking Valley Railroad at Wellston, Ohio, and by his marriage to Zaidee O'Neal has two sons.

Fenton Elsworth Waxler was born while the family was still living in Muskingum County on May 10, 1861. He was about six years of age when they came to Vinton County and recalls some of the incidents of the removal. He was reared in Elk Township, gained an education in the local schools, and since 1882 has been an active and progressive farmer, having in that year bought his first place of 114 acres close to Vinton Station and not far from the old homestead of his parents. He has his land under improvement and cultivation, and has it well stocked with horses, cattle and sheep. Mr. Waxler considers sheep to be the best kind of stock for farms in this part of Ohio, and raises those animals both for wool and for mutton.

Mr. Waxler was married in Elk Township to Miss Barbara Hohl. She was born in Elk Township of Vinton County March 12, 1862, and was reared and received her education in her native locality. Her parents were Jacob and Catherine (Weaver) Hohl, both natives of Ger-

many where they were married before coming to the United States. They sailed on one of the old fashioned sailing vessels, spent several weeks on the ocean, and after living for a few years in the East came in the late '40s to Eagle Furnace in Clinton Township of Vinton County, where Jacob Hohl was employed as a teamster at the furnace for a number of years. The family located on a farm in Elk Township and died there in 1867, when in middle life. His widow died there in 1904, being at that time seventy-two years of age, having been born in 1832. She was a member of the United Brethren Church in this country, but both had been reared as Lutherans. Mr. Hohl was a democrat.

To Mr. and Mrs. Waxler have been born five children: Carrie A. is the wife of Guy Teeters, and they now live in the State of Maryland and have three children: Vernon, Virgil and Gladys. Ruby O. received her education in the public schools and is still living at home. Ora Emma is at home and is a graduate of the McArthur High School and for two years was a student in the Ohio University at Athens and is now a popular teacher in Vinton County. Zaidee P. is in the second year of the McArthur High School. Fenton R. died at the age of four months. Mr. and Mrs. Waxler and their family are members of the United Brethren Church, and attend worship close to their own home. In politics Mr. Waxler is a republican.

Charles Herbert Pieper. A worthy representative of that class of workers whose practical education, quick perceptions and great capacity for painstaking labor have advanced them to positions of business prominence formerly only occupied by men many years their seniors, Charles Herbert Pieper, while representing the vigorous and resourceful present of Ohio, gives promise of participating in its more enlightened future, more especially of Otway, Scioto County, in the Hanging Rock Region, where he is engaged in business as proprietor of the Otway Milling Company. To a very considerable extent it is the younger element in a community, especially outside of the large cities, which infuses spirit and zest into the spirit of the place. It is this element whose entrance upon the arena of active life dates not farther back than a decade of years, which furnishes most of the vim, zeal and stirring energy which keeps the nerves of the commercial world ramifying through all the lesser towns of the country. And of this class, as stated, Mr. Pieper is a very pronounced type.

Charles Herbert Pieper was born at Otway, Scioto County, Ohio, March 10, 1893, and is a son of Lewis and Anna (Mossembarger) Pieper. The grandparents, Frederick and Henrietta (Small) Pieper, were natives of Germany, and were married on shipboard on the Atlantic Ocean.

while coming to the United States. Settling in Jackson County, Ohio, they engaged in agricultural pursuits and here passed the remaining years of their lives. Lewis Pieper was born, reared and educated in Jackson County, Ohio, but after his marriage came to Scioto County, where he engaged in sawmilling, and after some years erected the present flour mill at Otway, of which he was the proprietor during the active years of his life. He was known as an honorable, capable and energetic man of business and as a citizen always took an active part in advancing the community's interests.

The only child born to his parents, Charles Herbert Pieper was given good educational advantages in his youth, attending the public schools of Otway and supplementing this training with a business course in a commercial college at Portsmouth. When he graduated from the latter, in 1912, he returned to Otway and entered the business that had been founded by his father, with which he has continued to be identified to the present time and of which he is now proprietor. Mr. Pieper is a young man of excellent business qualifications, has made many friends in commercial circles here, and is in the enjoyment of a large and lucrative trade.

On October 15, 1913, Mr. Pieper was married to Miss Mary E. Brown, who was born in Adams County, Ohio, October 26, 1890, and there reared and educated. Mrs. Pieper is a member of the Presbyterian faith, while her husband belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church and is recording secretary thereof and superintendent of the Sunday School. He is fraternally connected with Smith Lodge No. 387, of the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a democrat, but his business interests have kept him busy and he has found little time to devote to public affairs.

Rev. John J. Schneider. Among the members of the Catholic clergy are found men of comprehensive education, religious zeal and progressive views, whose example and teachings exercise and influence for probity that must be numbered as one of the great factors in advancing any community. The Catholic priest must not alone be a spiritual guide and advisor to his people but he must also be possessed of a large measure of the practicality which will assist him to advise and teach in the ordinary walks of life and to protect the interests of his parish while promoting its temporal affairs. Much, in fact, is demanded of those who choose the unselfish life of the Catholic priest. As in other affairs of life, not all are fitted by Nature for the same sum of responsibility, and perhaps few, under the same conditions, would have so rapidly advanced to the important position now occupied by Father John J. Schneider, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of Ironton.

Father Schneider was born at Columbus, Ohio, May 28, 1870, and is a son of John and Barbara (Baumann) Schneider. John Schneider was born in Germany, in 1834, and at the age of fourteen years came to the United States, locating first at Buffalo, where he remained three or four years and followed his vocation of jeweler. Subsequently he removed to Lancaster, Ohio, where he remained for a period of seven years, and then went to Franklin Furnace, Ohio, and about 1869 moved to Columbus, where he still resides, at No. 102 East Main Street, in the first three-story brick building erected in that city, which was built by Mr. Baumann, the maternal grandfather of Father Schneider. Mrs. Schneider was born at Columbus, Ohio, in 1843, and has been the mother of twelve children: Mary, Annie, George, John J., Rosie, Lucy, Amelia, Cornelius, Antoinette and three who died in infancy.

Father Schneider attended the parochial schools of Columbus until reaching the age of thirteen years, and at that time went to Dubuque, Iowa, where for two years he was a student at St. Joseph College. Following this he attended St. Francis Seminary, near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and then took a theological course at St. Mary's Seminary, on Price Hill, Cincinnati, where he remained three years. On June 9, 1893, he was ordained a priest in the Cathedral at Columbus, by Bishop Watterson, and in the presence of the Duke of Veranga. Father Schneider was then made assistant at the Cathedral, having charge of the Good Shepherd Convent, St. Francis Hospital and the County Infirmary for three years, and was then appointed priest in charge at the Catholic Church at Pomeroy, Ohio, where he continued for six and one-half years. In 1902 Father Schneider came to Ironton, where he has since been in charge of St. Joseph's Church, and where his achievements have demonstrated not alone his intense religious zeal and fervor, but the possession of the highest business ability. Here he has purchased property valued at $5,500, has paid off debts of $22,000, has remodeled and repaired the church and its property, its schools and parish house, and the church is nearly out of debt at this time, its liabilities being less than $4,000. At this time Father Schneider has six societies and sodalities, viz: the Holy Name Society, St. George's Association, the Christian Mothers' Association, the Young Ladies' Sodality, the Children of Mary Sodality and St. Aloysius Young Men's Sodality, all of which are in a flourishing condition. Father Schneider considers he has gained his greatest success in his school work, where he teaches not only up to the eighth grade, but also the first and second grades of high school. He is also an advocate and promoter of daily communion.

Beloved by his people, Father Schneider makes their every interest his own. When he finds leisure from his manifold duties and responsi-

bilities he devotes himself to his books, being an omnivorous reader; but he is also fond of out-of-door sports, particularly baseball, and is the only priest to ever attend a national convention of organized baseball as a delegate—that held at Columbus in 1913.

Gilbert D. Waite. The native-born citizens and substantial business men of Scioto County have no more worthy representative than Gilbert D. Waite, of Portsmouth, a son of the late John Heaton Waite, and grandson of Benjamin Waite Jr., an early pioneer of this part of the state. He was born October 15, 1851, in Portsmouth, of honored English ancestry, being a lineal descendant in the eight generation from the immigrant ancestor, Richard Waite, his lineage being thus traced: Richard, Thomas, Joseph, John, Benjamin, Benjamin, John Heaton, and Gilbert D.

Richard Waite was born in England in 1608. Coming to America in early life, he settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, where he is recorded as a landholder in 1637. John Waite, a life-long resident, it is supposed, of Massachusetts, was for many years proprietor of the Waite Tavern, which was located on the old stage road leading from Boston to Worcester.

Benjamin Waite, Mr. Waite's great-grandfather, was born in Sudbury, Massachusetts, February 13, 1736. A young man of fine physique, tall and well proportioned, famed as an athlete and a hunter, he enlisted, in 1755, as a private in a provincial regiment for service against the French and the Indians. Subsequently transferred to Roger's Corps of Rangers, he was always one of those selected for the most hazardous undertakings of that famous body of soldiers. In 1756 he was captured by the enemy, taken to Quebec, and from there was taken with other prisoners to France. Before landing, however, the vessel was captured by the English, and he was returned to America. With his brother, Joseph Waite, he again enlisted under command of General Rogers, and distinguished himself in many desperate encounters with the savages. He was again captured in 1757, and taken to St. Francis, Canada, where, with other prisoners, he was forced to run the gauntlet, that is to make his way through two rows of Indians, armed with whips, clubs, etc., facing each other, each redskin to give him a whack as he passed through the line. Many prisoners were killed in going down the line, but young Waite understood Indian tactics, and when given the order to start seized a weapon and wrenched it from the hand of the Indian nearest him, and swung it right and left as he went on, much to the amazement of his torturers, and of the older braves who witnessed the scene, passing unscathed to the very end of the line. There a French woman beckoned to him, took him under her protection, and he was well cared for.

Making his escape at the end of three months, he joined General Amherst's forces at Louisburg.

In 1760 Benjamin Waite was among the soldiers sent to Detroit to bring in the French garrison of the Illinois forts. In 1775 he joined Ethan Allen and Seth Warner in their expedition against the forts at Ticonderoga and Crown Point. On October 10, 1776, he was commissioned captain of a company of rangers attached to Major Haisington's Brigade, which was raised to protect the northern frontier, and to guard the road to Crown Point. After the death of Major Haisington, Captain Waite succeeded him as commander of the battalion. After the close of the Revolutionary war he became prominent in public affairs. He opposed New York State in its claim for jurisdiction, and was an active member of the conventions at Westminster and Windsor that gave to the New Hampshire grants the name of Vermont, and framed the state constitution.

Benjamin Waite surely led a strenuous life. Ere he had completed twenty-four years of life, he had participated in more than forty battles. At the breaking out of the Revolutionary war he turned his property into cash, and loaned the Government $4,000 in gold. He received in payment Continental scrip which was so near worthless that he gave a peddler $1.200 for a half pound of tea and a quarter of a pound of indigo. The Revolutionary records in Washington, D. C., mention him first as major, and later speaks of him as Lieutenant Colonel Waite, Vermont Battalion. After the war he was commissioned brigadier general of Vermont Militia. General Waite served as high sheriff of Windsor County, Vermont, and the Towns of Waitsfield, Vermont, was chartered by him.

Gen. Benjamin Waite married Lois Gilbert, a daughter of Thomas Gilbert, of Brookfield, Massachusetts, who was also a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Benjamin Waite, was born at Windsor, Vermont, September 11, 1773, and there grew to a sturdy manhood. In 1814, accompanied by his family, he followed the march of civilization westward to the wilds of Ohio, making an overland trip with teams to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he embarked, teams and all, on a boat, and came down the Ohio River to Portsmouth, Ohio. It had been his intention to settle in the rich bottom lands of the Scioto Valley, but on account of the prevalence of malaria in the lowlands he bought a forest-covered tract of land in Porter Township, and began the pioneer labor of redeeming a farm from the wilderness. Improving a water power on Weed's run, he erected a sawmill, one of the first in the vicinity. For many years he, or his sons, used to take all of the surplus products of the farm to New Orleans on flatboats, and after selling their cargo would dispose of their boats, and

make their way back home as best they could, probably on a steamer. On the farm which he improved he spent the remainder of his days, dying January 8, 1858. His wife, whose maiden name was Lavina Heaton, died October 7, 1872, aged ninety-six years. They were the parents of twelve children.

John Heaton Waite was born at West Chazy, New York, March 22, 1811. Being brought by his parents to Portsmouth when but three years of age, he grew to manhood amid pioneer scenes, receiving his education in the rural schools. Leaving home in early life, he went to Pittsburgh, where he served an apprenticeship of two years at the cabinet maker's trade, which he afterwards followed for a year in Cincinnati. Returning then to Porter Township, he started in business for himself on a modest scale, manufacturing furniture to order, making the most of it at first by hand. Being a skilled workman, and a clever designer, he was kept very busy. In 1838 he located in Portsmouth, and met with such assured success from the start that he added horse power to the equipments of his shop, and ere long installed steam power, being one of the first to use steam in a furniture factory. It was from that small beginning that the immense business of the Waite Furniture Company of the present day was developed. Soon after the close of the Civil war Gilbert D. Waite, son of the founder of the business, was admitted to the firm, becoming junior member of the firm of J. H. Waite & Son. The senior member of the firm continued active in business until 1884, when he retired, and subsequently lived free from business cares until his death, October 10, 1897.

John Heaton Waite married Malvina Sikes, who was born in Scioto County, Ohio, a daughter of Levi Sikes. Her grandfather, John Jones Sikes, the maternal great-grandfather of Gilbert D. Waite, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, having been a private in Capt. Gideon Burt's Company of Guards, Massachusetts Militia of Hampshire and Worcester counties, the pay rolls of the company bearing date of September 1, 1777, and January 1, 1778. He also served in Capt. Abel Holden's Company of Light Infantry, Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, commanded by Col. Thomas Nipon. On July 3, 1780, he enlisted for six months, and served until September, 1780. In 1804 he came to Ohio, and a short time later removed to Marion County, Kentucky, where his death occurred in 1807. His widow, whose maiden name was Sarah Sowles, survived him many long years, and in 1850 applied for a pension. Levi Sikes was born in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, October 29, 1794, and was in his seventh year when his parents settled in New York State, in the Genesee Valley. In 1804 he came with them to Scioto County, and subsequently learned the brick maker's trade, which he followed in Ports-

mouth from 1815 until 1822. Going then to Porter Township, he was there engaged in farming until 1836, when he took up his residence in Harrison Township, where he spent his remaining days, dying March 30, 1870. Levi Sikes married, in February, 1819, Mary Keyes, who was born, July 17, 1799, in Rockbridge County, Virginia, a daughter of Selma Keyes, a native of Massachusetts, and a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. John Heaton Waite survived her husband but a few months, passing away March 5, 1898. She reared six children, as follows: Isabella, who married Rev. Walter Wyeth; Gilbert D., the special subject of this sketch; Fanny married S. P. Leiter; Emma became the wife of W. H. W. Avery; Sarah, who married George W. Holman; and John Wesley.

Acquiring his early education in the Portsmouth schools, Gilbert D. Waite began as a boy to clerk for his father, continuing until after the outbreak of the Civil war. Filled with the same patriotic ardor that inspired his ancestors, he enlisted, August 14, 1861, at the age of nineteen years, in Company A, Thirtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in as fifth sergeant of his company. He was later promoted to first sergeant, and was with his command in many marches and engagements, among the more important battles in which he participated having been those of South Mountain, Antietam, Vicksburg, Jackson, and Mission Ridge. Accompanying Sherman on his march to Atlanta, Mr. Waite took part in the many engagements on the way, and assisted in the capture of the city. In August, 1864, at the expiration of his term of enlistment, he was honorably discharged from the service at Jonesboro, Georgia, and immediately returned home. About two years later Mr. Waite became associated in business with his father under the firm name of J. H. Waite & Son, and for several years after the retirement of his father conducted the affairs of the concern, and is now a director of the Waite Furniture Company, its successor.

Mr. Waite married, November 10, 1868, Catherine Wetherbee, who was born in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Francis and Fanny (Graves) Wetherbee. She died in 1878, leaving one child, Bertha Waite. Mr. Waite married for his second wife, Sarah J. Dillon, daughter of Rev. John W. and Mary Dillon, of whom further account may be found on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Waite have three children, namely: Helen, who married Dr. Walter Sheldon, and has one child, Katherine Sheldon; Katherine, wife of Charles D. Scudder; and Gilbert D. Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Waite are members of the Bigelow Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Waite is a member of Bailey Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Henry J. Wescoat. Much that is worthy and estimable in human life has been the lot of Henry J. Wescoat of Vinton County, whose home

is on rural route No. 1 out of McArthur postoffice. Mr. Wescoat is now past seventy years of age. During his career he has accomplished those things which are considered most worth while by ambitious men—years of honorable activity with satisfying material reward, the esteem of his fellow men, and a public spirited share in the social and civic life of his community.

His career really began about fifty years ago with his marriage in Elk Township to Miss Nancy Dillon. After their marriage they started out with high hopes and brave hearts, but with a poverty of material resources that only served to emphasize their subsequent good fortune. Their first home was a little log shack located in the hills and with the utmost scantiness of furniture. Some friends had given them a couple of cheap beds; they had a small table, a very few chairs and with such meagerness in other equipment that it was very difficult for them to entertain company during the first years of their wedded life. The first essential in their success was hard work. Supplementing that was a close economy so that each year they saved a little from the meager income of their farm. From time to time they invested their surplus in a little more land. Mr. Wescoat in his early years as a farmer gained most of his revenues from raising sheep and other live stock. As is usually the case, their success grew from year to year, but in the meantime Mr. Wescoat had accumulated over 500 acres of improved land, well stocked and equipped with two sets of substantial farm buildings. His later years have been passed surrounded with every comfort and convenience, and altogether he is one of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of Vinton County.

Mr. Wescoat was born January 11, 1844, in Elk Township of Vinton County not far from where he now lives. His birthplace, however, was nearer the village of McArthur. In this locality he has spent his entire lifetime, and the present homestead where he resides comprises 400 acres situated in Jackson Township, his property holdings being divided between Elk and Jackson townships. He has his home farm well improved and for years has grown large numbers of sheep as well as cattle, horses and hogs. His staple crops have been wheat, corn, oats and hay.

His parents were Philander and Margaret (Brewer) Wescoat. His father was born in Pennsylvania January 29, 1804, and his mother in Nashville, Tennessee, on January 26, 1805. The Wescoats were among the very earliest of the pioneers in this section of Ohio. His paternal grandparents, Isaac and Tryphena (Lane) Wescoat, set out from Pennsylvania in 1810 by wagon and team journeyed through the wilderness of Central Ohio until they arrived in Ross County. They lived there for a time on rented land, but later came into the wilderness of Vinton

County and established their home at the site of the present Village of Zaleski. There the grandfather cut out a home in the woods, and gradually developed a large clearing for farming purposes. They lived in a log cabin, and that was subsequently replaced by a substantial frame residence. Isaac Wescoat and wife spent the rest of their hard working lives on that farm, and died there when about seventy years of age. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Isaac Wescoat was a whig in politics. In their family were seven children, most of whom grew to maturity and were married.

Philander Wescoat was a child of about six years when the family came to Ross County, Ohio. He was still little more than a boy when he ventured into the wilderness of Vinton County, being the first of the family to come to this county. Here his sturdy efforts with the axe cleared out a space and started the farm at what is now Zaleski, and in the log cabin which he constructed he and his two sisters lived for some months before they were joined by other members of the family from Ross County. Subsequently Philander set out on his own account and acquired a small farm in Elk Township two miles north of McArthur. That was the home to which he took his bride when he married, and he likewise went through all the experiences of the pioneer. He secured a tract of two hundred acres, improved most of it by his own labors, and for many years was one of the prosperous citizens. He died in Elk Township in 1876 and his wife passed away some years later at the age of eighty. They were a splendid type of the old time citizens, were members of the Methodist faith, but their home was open and afforded hospitable quarters to the ministers of any faith and denomination traveling through that region. Philander Wescoat was first a whig and afterwards a republican. Into his home were born seven sons and five daughters, and five of the sons and all the daughters married.

Henry J. Wescoat was one of the younger of the children, and was reared and educated at the old farm in Elk Township. Along with material prosperity he has acquired the wisdom which comes from intelligent thinking and action, and careful and scrupulous dealings with his fellow men. Again and again his fellow citizens have given him the responsibilities of public position. He served as trustee of Jackson Township twelve years, and served as county commissioner for three years a number of years ago.

Mr. Wescoat has had to bear two great griefs, in the death of his beloved wife and companion and one of his daughters. Mrs. Wescoat was born in Elk Township July 5, 1840, and died at her home August 8, 1907. Reverend Doctor Taylor was the kindly minister who preached the service for both Mrs. Wescoat and her daughter. Mrs. Wescoat spent

all her life in Vinton County, and was a devoted wife and mother. Her parents were John and Ellen (Huston) Dillon, both of whom were born in Ohio and were of Virginia ancestry. They were reared and married in Carroll County, Ohio, and were early settlers in Elk Township of Vinton County, where they lived to be quite old. They were members of the Presbyterian Church as was Mrs. Wescoat. To Mr. and Mrs. Wescoat were born two children: Mary Alice, who was born May 21, 1866, and was reared and educated in Vinton County, died December 17, 1911. She married A. Benton Gray, who was born in Ohio and reared in Vinton County, but is now living in the home of Mr. Wescoat. Mr. and Mrs. Gray had a son, Charles J. The other daughter, Helena B., born July 2, 1869, is the wife of Elmer O. Pettit. Mr. Pettit is a lawyer at Logan, Ohio, and they have a son, Claude Pettit, who graduated in the art department of the Ohio State University in Columbus, later taught for two years in Logan, and is now a senior in Western Reserve Law School, Cleveland, Ohio.

Frank S. Alley. As superintendent of the Valley Township schools at Lucasville, Mr. Alley has performed a service during the last five years which creates in his administration a new epoch in the history of education in this vicinity. Mr. Alley has had a long experience in the educational field, covering more than thirty years, and is an exponent of progressive and practical ideals that have been signally exemplified in the schools of Lucasville. Having been a teacher all his active life, Mr. Alley has likewise been a student, and by his experience has worked out plans and methods which in other places as well as at Lucasville have been applied in making the schools vital institutions for the welfare of the rising generations.

Frank S. Alley was born in Franklin County, Indiana, on a farm, gained his early schooling there, and began teaching in the country at the age of seventeen. His work as a teacher alternated with that of student in higher schools for many years. He was subsequently graduated at the Brookville High School, following which he taught both in the country and in the Brookville High School, and in 1890 was awarded his master's degree at Moorshill College, where he had previously completed the scientific course.

Mr. Alley in 1881 became principal of the Fairhaven school in Preble County, Ohio, remained there three years, then became superintendent at New Paris in Preble County, and during that seven years of service was also for a time a member of the county board of school examiners. In 1890 Mr. Alley was granted a life certificate by the state board of education after an examination. In 1891 he became superintendent of

schools at Ripley, Ohio, remained there six years, was for four years superintendent of the city schools at Dayton, Kentucky, and for three years at Bellevue, and then returned to Ohio and for three years was superintendent of the schools at Greenfield.

Mr. Alley took charge of the Lucasville schools in 1909. Since that time the fine new high school building has been erected, for which he drew the plans, and which in its equipment and arrangement is regarded as one of the best rural high school buildings in Ohio. At the same time he has raised the class of the Valley Township schools from third to first, and the State University recognizes the high school as one of the best in any rural community in the state. The school not only prepares pupils for entrance to the State University in any of the courses, but also has a strong department in agriculture, manual training and domestic science.

Mr. Alley first married Lydia M. Riker. There are four sons: Orris, who is a graduate of the high school and of the Campbell Business College at Cincinnati and is now connected with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; Charles, who graduated from the Inland Printer Technical School at Chicago, is now with the Elbert & Richardson firm of printers at Cincinnati; Bruce and John are both graduates of the high school and are connected with the Yale Motorcycle Company of Toledo. Mr. Alley's present wife was Emma J. Baker. The family are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Alley is affiliated with the Masonic Order, having taken the Knights Templar degrees, and in politics is a republican.

John E. Bingaman. This representative business man and popular citizen of Ironton, the judicial center of Lawrence County, has been a resident of this city for the past twenty-five years and has by ability and well directed endeavor gained precedence and success as a business man, the while his sterling character and genial personality have been the prime factors in insuring him secure vantage ground in popular confidence and good will. Mr. Bingaman is engaged in the undertaking business, as senior member of the firm of Bingaman & Jones, and the finely appointed headquarters of the enterprise are in the building owned by the firm, on Center Street, near the corner of Fourth Street. Consideration and scrupulous service have brought this firm of funeral directors merited success in business, and its members are known as loyal and progressive citizens.

Mr. Bingaman is a scion of the third generation of old and honored families of Brown county, Ohio, where both his paternal and maternal grandparents settled in the pioneer days. He was born in the Village of New Hope, that county, on the 14th of April, 1869, and is a son of

Andrew J. and Elizabeth (Ellsbury) Bingaman, both likewise natives of Brown County, where the former was born in the year 1829 and the latter in 1839, both having continued their residence in Brown County until their death. The father, who was a prosperous farmer, as well as a buyer and shipper of tobacco, died on the 15th of November, 1912, at the venerable age of eighty-three years, his cherished and devoted wife having been summoned to eternal rest on the 19th of April, 1903. Of the seven children all are living except William, who died in infancy, and, in respective order of birth, are here given the names of the surviving children: Benjamin F., Theodore E., Maude S., Edward L., John E., and Dr. Robert C.

John E. Bingaman attended the public schools of his native county until he had attained to the age of eighteen years, and for the ensuing three years he was employed in the tobacco warehouse conducted by his father. He then, in 1889, came to Ironton, Lawrence County, where for the ensuing six years he was a salesman in the store of his brother, who here built up a prosperous enterprise in the handling of men's hats and furnishing goods. At the expiration of the period noted the brother sold his stock and business to a Mr. Robinson, and for the latter Mr. Bingaman continued as clerk for five years. He then, in 1900, entered the employ of Charles L. Pixley, who was here engaged in the undertaking business and who was one of the pioneer settlers on the old French land grant in Lawrence County. Mr. Bingaman familiarized himself with all details of the business and became an expert embalmer. After the death of his honored employer, Mr. Pixley, who was one of the influential citizens of Ironton, purchased the business, and on the 1st of March, 1907, he admitted to partnership in the same his present able and valued coadjutor, Charles E. Jones, with whom he has since continued to be associated under the firm title of Bingaman & Jones. Mr. Bingaman owns a half interest in the substantial building in which the undertaking business is conducted, and has also an attractive residence property, upon which he has made many improvements. He is a republican in his political allegiance and both he and his wife are zealous members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Ironton, on the official board of which he has served most efficiently for the past fifteen years. In his home city he is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

On the 4th of November, 1897, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bingaman to Miss Nellie C. Pixley, daughter of his former employer, the late Charles L. Pixley, and no children have been born of this union.

Mrs. Bingaman is a leader in the social activities of her native city, and here her circle of friends is coincident with that of her acquaintances.

William H. Marting. A retired merchant and honored citizen of Ironton, Lawrence County, and a scion of a sterling pioneer family of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio, Mr. Marting was born at Jackson Furnace, Scioto County, on the 7th of September, 1854. He is a son of Henry W. and Katherine (Ketter) Marting, both natives of the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, where the former was born in 1831 and the latter in 1833. Henry W. Marting became a resident of Scioto County when a young man and there achieved independence and prosperity through his activities as a farmer and in the conducting of a general store at Gebhart's Station, where he held the office of postmaster for many years. At the time of the Civil war he showed his loyalty to the land of his adoption by serving ninety days as a soldier of the Union, in an Ohio regiment of volunteers. He passed the closing years of his life in Scioto County, where he died in 1904, his widow being summoned to the life eternal in 1906. Following is a list of the names of their surviving children, given in respective order of birth: William H., Mary, Charles, Caroline, Louis E., Lizzie. Three children are deceased.

William H. Marting attended school in the Lick Ridge district of Scioto County until he was sixteen years of age and in the meanwhile had gained practical experience in connection with his father's farming operations. He soon engaged in agricultural operations on his own responsibility and he continued to be engaged in farming in his native county until 1880, when, at the age of twenty-six years, he removed to Ironton and opened a grocery store at the corner of Third and Walnut streets. There he built up a prosperous enterprise and incidentally entrenched himself most fully in popular confidence and esteem. He continued his business successfully until 1902, in the same location, and since that time has lived virtually retired, having turned his well established grocery business over to his sons, William F., Frank A., and Charles G.; William F. being now a representative physician and surgeon in Ironton and Frank A. being here engaged in the automobile business, so that to the youngest of the three sons is left the management of the business established by the father more than thirty years ago, the enterprise being still conducted under the firm name of Marting Brothers.

Though Mr. Marting has relieved himself of the cares and exactions of active business he is still a stockholder in the Foster Store Company, the Marting Dry Goods Company, and the Scioto Flour Mill Company. He is a staunch advocate of the principles and policies of the democratic

party, served six years as a loyal and progressive member of the city council of Ironton, and was for one year a trustee of the Lawrence County Children's Home. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and both he and his wife hold membership in Emanuel Methodist Episcopal Church.

On the 9th of November, 1874, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Marting to Miss Caroline Frouein, daughter of the late Frederick Frouein, of Scioto County, and of the eight children of this union three are deceased—Emma, Nora and one son who died in infancy. Those surviving are Dr. William F., Frank A., Charles G., Louis, and Emerson.

Dr. William F. Marting was graduated in the Ironton High School in 1893, and in preparation for the work of his chosen profession he attended the Ohio Medical College, in the City of Cincinnati, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1897, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He established himself in practice at Lyra, Scioto County, but he soon turned to answer the call of patriotism, at the inception of the Spanish-American war, in which he served as a member of the reserve ambulance corps of the Second Army Corps, in 1898-9. He wedded Miss Emma Drayer of Ironton and is now established in the successful practice of his profession in this city, his children being Anna D., Marion R. and Esther C. Frank A. Marting, who is engaged in the automobile business in Ironton, as previously noted, wedded Miss May Gates. Charles G. Marting, who conducts the grocery business established by the father, married Miss Alma Hasenauer. Louis Marting, who is principal of the high school in the City of Akron, Ohio, married Miss Bertha Barr. Emerson Marting, the youngest of the sons, married Miss Esther Beasley and is now engaged in the automobile business at Ashland, Kentucky.

William H. Marting, to whom this sketch is dedicated, is the owner of valuable realty in Ironton, including his own residence property, five acres of land and an attractive dwelling, at 369 South Seventh Street; a house and lot on South Second Street; the business block in which is conducted the Marting grocery store, at Third and Walnut streets; and a garage on South Seventh Street.

John A. McDowell. The standing of a city or community rests almost entirely upon the character and reputation of its business men, their reliability, enterprise, initiative and integrity being, in the greater number of instances, a standard by which may be measured the prosperity and importance of the place. Ironton has been especially fortunate in possessing business men of fine abilities and strict fidelity, and

among them none is held in higher esteem than John A. McDowell, president of the Ironton Transfer and Storage Company and general manager of the Home Telephone Company.

Mr. McDowell was born at Tarlton, Pickaway County, Ohio, April 6, 1877, and is a son of James W. and Susannah (McClenand) McDowell. James W. McDowell was born in 1841, at Tarlton, Ohio, there grew to manhood, and during the Civil war enlisted in the Fifty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private, seeing active service in a number of important engagements and suffering two wounds, one in the shoulder and one in the hip. On his return to his home he engaged in poultry raising, and also became prominent in public affairs, serving two terms as commissioner of Pickaway County. He now makes his home at Columbus, Ohio, as does also Mrs. McDowell, who was born at Tarlton in 1842. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell were the parents of five children: Minnie, who is unmarried; Loretta L., who married George W. Volkwein, a roofer and stave manufacturer of Columbus; May F., who married W. C. Bates, a practicing attorney of Columbus; John A., of this review; and Josephine M., who married F. B. Lewis, a railroad cashier of Columbus.

John A. McDowell completed the curriculum of the graded schools of Columbus, following which he went through the first year of high school, and at the age of fifteen years became a messenger boy in the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company. An earnest, industrious and faithful youth, his ability and conscientious performance of duty won him steady promotion, so that at the end of six years he had reached the position of superintendent of construction. In this capacity Mr. McDowell remained until 1899, and in that year transferred his services to the United States Long Distance Telephone Company, with which he was engaged in various capacities for something under three years. In 1901 Mr. McDowell became the founder of the Ironton Transfer and Storage Company, which in 1904 was incorporated as a stock company, of which he became manager. He held this position until his election to the presidency, and at this time is a half owner of the business. In 1906 Mr. McDowell became one of the organizers of the Home Telephone Company, and in the following year was made its general manager, a position which he still retains, being also a stockholder and director in this concern. His able management, keen discrimination and executive ability have contributed largely to the success of the enterprises with which he has been connected and have gained him a high reputation among business men of this community.

On July 18, 1900, Mr. McDowell was married at Columbus, Ohio, to Miss Clara J. Dorn, daughter of Conrad and Mary W. (Mihm) Dorn,

natives of Germany who came to the United States as children. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Allen E., Dan C. and Helen C. Mr. McDowell is well known in fraternal circles, being a Chapter Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Church. He is fond of all out-of-door sports, particularly automobiling, although he is also a great lover of fine horses. Mr. McDowell's military record consists of three years spent as a member of the signal corps of the Ohio National Guard. He has proved his good citizenship on a number of occasions, and may be justly numbered among the influential men who are contributing to Ironton's prestige.

Morris Lee Sternberger. Death who is always sitting closely by the highways of human existence and removing one by one those upon whom its grim lot falls, selected a particularly conspicuous victim in the late Morris L. Sternberger, who passed away at his home in Jackson, Ohio, June 2, 1912. For a number of years Mr. Sternberger had been regarded as Jackson's wealthiest citizen. His career was characterized by a broad usefulness, constructive enterprise, and benevolence, as well as by its material accumulations. For thirty years he had been one of the leaders in the development of the natural resources of the Hanging Rock Iron Region, and as a banker, financier, railroad president, and in many ways identified with the larger affairs of Southern Ohio. Though a member of one of the old and substantial families of Jackson County, Mr. Sternberger acquired his wealth almost entirely through his splendid native ability. He possessed the faculty of growing in understanding in proportion to the tremendous growth of modern business, and consequently his capabilities were always equal to the broadening responsibilities of his life.

Morris Lee Sternberger was born in Jackson County February 9, 1856, a son of Moses and Elizabeth (Stephenson) Sternberger. Moses Sternberger, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, August 29, 1826, a son of Samuel and Caroline Sternberger, came to America in 1839, and located at Jackson in 1845. In 1850 he married Miss Elizabeth Stephenson, a member of perhaps the most numerous and one of the most prominent families in the county, whose founders came from North Carolina in the early days of the Scioto Salt Works. Moses Sternberger and wife were important factors in the Village of Jackson during its early growth, and were among the leaders in social and church affairs, having helped to build up the Presbyterian Church from one of the smallest societies in the county. Elizabeth Sternberger died in 1873, while her husband lived to a ripe old age, became one of the wealthy men of the county, and saw his sons established successfully in various lines of business.

Of the sons and daughters who survived the late Morris L. Sternberger, mention is made as follows: Ira A., of Jackson; H. C., of Toledo; Edward L. and Frank J., of Cincinnati; and Mrs. Ada Michael, the only sister, of Campbell, Missouri.

Morris L. Sternberger was educated in the schools of Jackson, and at the age of sixteen left his books for the practical business of life. The following six years were spent in gaining experience as a clerk, but in 1882 he began in a small way to develop the coal and iron industry of Jackson County. At that time the mineral resources offered the most promising field for development, and Mr. Sternberger engaged in the mining and selling of coal, and during the next twenty-five years placed the foundation and built up a large fortune. Mr. Sternberger was at the head of the Superior Coal Company, operating mines in Jackson County, until 1908-09, when he sold out his interests to an eastern corporation. From that time until his death he devoted most of his time to the iron and steel business, to railroads, and to his banks. He had for a number of years been identified with banking in both Jackson and Cincinnati, was president and manager of the Commercial Bank of Jackson, and at Cincinnati was vice president of the old Equitable Bank and a director in the American National Bank, an institution that subsequently became merged with the Fifth-Third Bank. He was also financially interested in the Cincinnati Realty Company, owning the Sinton Hotel, the Cincinnati Exhibition Company, which built League Park; the Providence Savings Bank, the First National Bank and the Savoy Hotel Company. Mr. Sternberger was more or less identified with different lines of railroads in the state, and at the time of his death was president of the Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati Railroad Company. Much of his attention was given to the Wellston Iron & Steel Company and to the Superior Portland Cement Company of Ironton.

On April 24, 1883, at Jackson Mr. Sternberger married Miss May Dungan, of an old and prominent family in the Hanging Rock Iron Region. Her parents were David and Mary Ann (Hale) Dungan. David Dungan was born at Frankfort Springs, Ohio, and his wife in Jackson County. On the maternal side Mrs. Sternberger's ancestors settled in Jackson County about the beginning of the last century. The three children left by Mr. Sternberger were: Elizabeth M., born February 3, 1884; Samuel E., born December 2, 1885; and Morris Lee Jr., born November 12, 1887. Elizabeth was married in October, 1914, to Arnold Asbury Dickinson, a business man of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Samuel, who is general manager of the Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati Railway at Dayton, married Rosaline Longley of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Mrs. Sternberger, who since her husband's death has continued

to reside in Jackson and in many ways has assisted in carrying out the various benevolent plans of her late husband, was born in Jackson County June 11, 1863, the oldest of four children. Her three brothers are: Ralph H., who lives at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and by his marriage to Nellie Schellinger, has two children, Hugh and Donovan; Ernest L., who lives at Dayton, Ohio, married Catherine Davis and has three children, David, Ernest and Anna May; and Clyde D., who is freight agent with the Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati Railway, married Bessie Cameron, and has two children, Talma and Floyd.

It would be impossible in any sketch to indicate the many activities and the works of kindness and of love performed by the late Morris L. Sternberger. In that connection, and with reference to his more personal attributes, it will be appropriate to quote a few sentences from a tribute paid to this leader in business and affairs by Hon. J. W. Bannon.

"Mr. Sternberger was possessed with sterling traits of character that attracted attention. He was animated by great energy, untiring industry, remarkable sagacity and foresight, and the judgment he displayed in his business transactions was almost unerring. He was strictly honest, and his word was as good as his bond. Mr. Sternberger loved his native town and the people of his county among whom he had been raised and with whom he had so long been identified. He had a helping hand for every worthy person, and that his aid did at times fall to those who were not so worthy does not at all detract from the character of the man. Churches without reference to belief or creeds were the recipients of his bounty and the worthy poor were never turned away empty handed.

"Such men as Mr. Sternberger, possessed of such strong traits of character accompanied by aggressive, forceful action, develop and draw to them strong friends, and naturally, at times, make enemies. It is a characteristic of such men to have strong friends, and they become such because of an intimate knowledge of his character for fair dealing. No one of his associates ever discovered in him a disposition to take an undue advantage. What he gained, all others associated with him shared equally in accordance with his interest. Such a man will be missed in the channels of trade and business—in banking and commercial circles. His place among men of affairs will not soon be filled, and he will also be missed by many who never called upon him for help in vain."

Joseph J. Cloran. Engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business in the metropolis and judicial center of Lawrence County, Mr. Cloran is one of the most progressive and loyal citizens of his native city, to the civic and commercial prestige he has made valuable contribution, not alone through his prosperous and substantial commercial enterprise but

also through his effective operations in the handling of real estate. He is the owner not only of improved realty in every ward in the City of Ironton but also owns valuable farming properties in Lawrence County, a specialty being made of rentals in connection with his general real estate business. Mr. Cloran is vigorous and alert as a man of affairs and takes a lively interest in all that touches the social and material wellbeing of his home city and county, the family name having been identified with the history of this county for fully sixty years.

Joseph J. Cloran was born in Ironton on the 13th of September, 1869, and is a son of Owen and Catherine (Carey) Cloran, both natives of Ireland, where the former was born in the year 1823 and the latter in 1832. Owen Cloran became a resident of Lawrence County, Ohio, about the year 1850, and as an iron worker he was long identified with the great industrial activities of the Hanging Rock Iron Region. He attained to venerable age and was one of the sterling and honored pioneer citizens of Ironton at the time of his death, in 1906, his loved wife and helpmeet having passed to the life eternal in 1901 and both having been devout communicants of the Catholic Church. In the respective order of birth the names of the ten children are here entered: Mary A., Bridget, Catherine, Malcolm, Thomas, Martin, Owen P., Martha, Joseph J. and Luke W. All of the children are living except Bridget, Catherine and Malcolm.

In the excellent parochial school of St. Lawrence Parish, Ironton, Joseph J. Cloran acquired his early education, and at the age of fifteen years he obtained employment in the furniture store of C. C. Clark, where he soon proved himself an effective salesman. After holding his position one year he went to the City of St. Louis, Missouri, where he served one year as collector for a clothing establishment. Returning to Ironton, Mr. Cloran entered upon an apprenticeship to the plumbing trade, and his technical training comprised three years of service in the establishment of Ezra Manning, on Railroad Street. After the completion of his apprenticeship Mr. Cloran was employed one year as stock clerk in the establishment of the Dunker Truck Company, in the City of Cincinnati, and he then returned to Ironton and assumed a clerkship in the grocery store of Cloran Brothers, and three months later he became associated with his brother, Martin, in opening a grocery store at the corner of Third and Lawrence streets, whence removal was made one year later to more eligible quarters, on Railroad Street, between Third and Fourth streets. The firm of M. & J. J. Cloran built up a large and substantial business and the partnership continued until 1900, when Martin retired from the firm. Since that time the representative wholesale and retail grocery business has been continued by Joseph J.

Cloran, in the original quarters, and he has secure vantage ground as one of the reliable, enterprising and representative business men of his native city, his sterling character and genial personality having gained to him a host of friends, in both business and social circles. With increasing prosperity, Mr. Cloran began to make judicious investments in city and country realty, and he has become the owner of much valuable property, as intimated in the opening paragraph of this sketch, his operations in this field of enterprise having brought to him good returns and having had direct influence on the social and material progress and prosperity of Lawrence County and its thriving county seat.

In an unostentatious but effective way Mr. Cloran wields much influence in public affairs of a local order and he is recognized as a liberal and progressive citizen. Though he accords unwavering allegiance to the republican party and has been zealous in the support of wise municipal government in Ironton, he has never sought official preferment, though he served a number of years as judge of elections in the Second ward. Mr. Cloran is a valued member of the Ironton Chamber of Commerce and he is a zealous communicant of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, as was also his wife, he having been a member of the committee that had charge of the installation of the fine chime of bells in the church edifice. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the Tribe of Ben Hur, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Brotherhood of America.

In the year 1899 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Cloran to Miss Catherine Barron, daughter of Thomas Barron, of Ironton, and she passed to the life eternal on the 21st of September, 1903, the one surviving child being Elizabeth C.

James J. Spencer. There is no dearth of interesting incident and event in the personal and ancestral history of this well known and honored citizen of Portsmouth, Scioto County, where he is now living virtually retired, after many years of well ordered endeavor. In both the paternal and maternal lines he is a scion of sterling old Virginia families that were founded in America in the colonial days. He is a native of Ohio, where his parents were representatives of pioneer elements of citizenship, even as the earlier generation of the Spencer family was identified with the pioneer annals of Kentucky. He whose name initiates this paragraph became, as a mere youth, a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war and served during practically the entire period of the great conflict between the states of the North and the South. After the war he lived up to the family traditions and records by independently gaining pioneer experience in the West, and after his return to his

native state he was actively identified with agricultural pursuits until his removal to Portsmouth, where he has since maintained his home and where he has held various public offices of local trust—preferments indicative of his high standing as a man of sterling character and as a citizen of loyalty and progressiveness.

James J. Spencer was born in Jackson County, Ohio, on the 19th of September, 1844, and is the only child of his parents who attained to years of maturity. His father, Thomas Spencer, was born at Lexington, Kentucky, and was a son of one of the pioneers who came to that commonwealth from Virginia, his father having passed the remainder of his life at Lexington, where he settled in an early day. In the schools of the old Bluegrass State Thomas Spencer acquired his early education and there also he learned the trade of blacksmith. From Kentucky he finally went to Missouri, but within a short period thereafter he established his home in Jackson County, Ohio, where he died in 1847, when his son James J., of this review, was about three years of age. In that county was solemnized his marriage to Miss Nancy Stevenson, whose father, William Stevenson, was a native of Virginia and who immigrated from Greenbriar County, that state, to Ohio and became one of the sterling pioneers of Jackson County. He made the long overland trip with teams and wagons, by means of which he transported his family and household effects, and in Jackson County he reclaimed a farm from the forest wilderness, his old homestead continuing to be the abiding place of himself and his wife until the close of their lives. The mother of the subject of this sketch eventually contracted a second marriage, having become the wife of Eli McLain, who was a prosperous farmer and stock-grower of Jackson County and who she survived by a number of years, her death having occurred at Wheelersburg, Scioto County, after she had attained to venerable age. The seven children of her second marriage were: Katie, Fannie, Myrtie, Mamie, Nancy, Clayton and Jackson.

Reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and afforded the advantages of the rural schools of the locality and period, James J. Spencer, at the age of seventeen years, subordinated all other interests to tender his aid in defense of the Union, his enlistment having occurred a few months after the inception of the Civil war. From his home county he crossed the Ohio River into Kentucky, where he enlisted as a private in Company G, Twenty-seventh Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, with which he continued in service until shortly before the close of the war, his honorable discharge having been received in January, 1865. Mr. Spencer lived up to the full tensions of hardships and perils incidental to the progress of the great conflict and was with his command in the

various campaigns, marches, battles and minor engagements in which it was involved. While it is impossible in this brief article to enter into full details concerning his military career it is but consistent to state that he participated in the battles of Pittsburg Landing and Corinth, Mississippi, and that of Perrysville, Kentucky; that he took part in the siege of Chattanooga, whence he accompanied Sherman's forces on the Atlanta campaign, taking part in the various engagements en route and also in the siege and capture of Atlanta, after the fall of which city he was with his regiment in the command of General Thomas at the time when the latter went forward in pursuit of the army of General Hood; in this connection Mr. Spencer took part in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, and he finally returned to Louisville, Kentucky, where he was accorded his honorable discharge, after having made a record of faithful and valiant service that shall ever reflect honor on his name and memory.

After the close of his military career Mr. Spencer returned to Jackson County, Ohio, but in the same year he went forth to gain a varied and hazardous experience on the Western frontier. He traversed the wilds of Western Kansas and Colorado, gained a somewhat intimate knowledge of the menace constantly in evidence from hostile Indians, grew to know much of the more peaceable aborigines and of the venturesome hunters and trappers and of the wild game and other animals of the plains and mountains. Along the historic old Santa Fe Trail he saw great herds of American bison or buffalo, now known to memory alone save for a few isolated and meager herd under Government or private protection, and incidental to his experience in the West Mr. Spencer assisted in the organization of Rice County, Kansas, of which he had the distinction of being chosen the first sheriff.

Mr. Spencer continued his residence in the Sunflower State until 1872, when he returned to Ohio and established his home on a farm in Bloom Township, Scioto County, where he continued to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits and stock raising until 1893, since which years he and his wife have maintained their home in the City of Portsmouth, where their circle of friends is limited only by that of their acquaintances and where they are passing the gracious twilight of their lives in generous peace and contentment, both being earnest members of the Bigelow Methodist Episcopal Church in this city.

The principles of the republican party have ever received the staunch support of Mr. Spencer and he has taken an active interest in public affairs, especially those of local order. In Bloom Township, Scioto County, he served as assessor and land appraiser; in 1893 he was elected county recorder and this necessitated his removal to Portsmouth, the county seat. He was twice re-elected to this office, of which he thus

continued the efficient incumbent for a period of six consecutive years. In 1910 he was elected county commissioner, and the election of 1912 brought to him a continuance in this office for a second term, his record as a public official being marked by utmost fidelity and loyalty, as well as by ability and progressiveness. Mr. Spencer vitalized the more gracious memories of his career as a youthful soldier of the Union by retaining active affiliation with Bailey Post, No. 164, Grand Army of the Republic. He is affiliated also with the following Masonic bodies in his home city: Aurora Lodge, No. 48, Free & Accepted Masons; Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; Solomon Council, No. 79, Royal & Select Masters; and Calvary Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar.

On the 6th of February, 1872, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Spencer to Miss Martha J. Thompson, who was born in Scioto County, in 1849, and who is a daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Shelton) Thompson, the former a native of Scioto County and the latter of Gallia County. Mrs. Spencer's grandfather, Joseph Thompson, was one of the early settlers and pioneer iron master of the Hanging Rock Iron Region of Ohio, a section to which this history is devoted. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are the parents of nine children: Lewis T., Charles L., Nannie, Myrtle, Addie, Frank A., Chester A., Martha, and Mary. Lewis T. wedded Miss Hattie Gates and they have three children—Virginia, Josephine and William. Charles L. married Miss Anna Loper and they have two children, Martha Jane and Anna Grace. Frank A. married Miss Louise Morrison, and Chester, the youngest son, wedded Miss Gay Miller, their one child being Robert B.

Rodney W. Goddard. Members of the Goddard family have been prominently identified with business affairs in the Hanging Rock Iron Region and in other sections of Ohio for more than a century. Rodney W. Goddard is proprietor of one of the largest stores at Wellston, and his brother Douglas A. Goddard is an undertaker at Wellston, and one of the leading business men of the Hanging Rock Region.

Rodney W. Goddard was born in Washington County, Dunham Township, July 27, 1853. He attended the public schools of Washington County, Mount Union College in Stark County, and from seventeen to twenty-one was a successful and popular school teacher. Coming to Jackson County in 1874, he entered into the mercantile business which has engaged his time and energies, since except for a number of years when he was in the foundry and machine business in Wellston. Rodney W. Goddard married Caroline B. Forster, who was born in Jackson County March 26, 1854. Their children are Lulu B., Caroline

F., Rodney W., Jr. Lulu is the wife of Dr. F. S. Scott of Wellston and their two children are named Franklin G. and Rodney W. Caroline married Earl W. Rardin of Portsmouth, Ohio, and they have a child named Marcella. Roger W., Jr., married Margaret Williams, and they have one child, David W.

The grandfather of this well known Wellston business man was Hapgood H. Goddard, who married Rebecca Wood. They were New Englanders by birth and ancestry and very early in the nineteenth century they set out from the East to find a new home in Ohio. To their wagon they drove a pair of horses, one of which was blind and the other more than twenty years old. After a long and tedious journey they arrived in Washington County and located at Belpre, where they joined some relatives William P. Putnam and wife. The children of Hapgood H. Goddard were: Amanda, Edward, Eliza, William P., Abraham, Julia, Sarah, Charles H., George, and Lucy.

Charles H. Goddard, father of Rodney W. and Douglas A. Goddard of Wellston, was born in Washington County, Ohio, and married Emaline Chamberlain, a daughter of John D. Chamberlain. To this marriage were born the following children: Rowena; Rodney W.; Harley C.; Douglas A.; Ason A.; Frank E.; Bertha; Webster B. The son Harley was married and occupied the old homestead in Washington County, and died there on December 3, 1915. Douglas, as already stated, has the leading undertaking business at Wellston. Ason A. is a farmer in Washington County, and Frank is also in the same county and occupies a part of the old homestead. Bertha married C. C. King, of Washington County, and they now live on a farm near Oklahoma City in the State of Oklahoma. Webster lives in Haywarden, Iowa.

One of the largest hardware stores in Jackson County is conducted by Rodney W. Goddard, and he and his brother Douglas are regarded as the most substantial business men in the Town of Wellston.

William S. Rannells. Some of the best examples of farm enterprise found anywhere in Ohio are in evidence in the Hanging Rock Iron Region. To mention one individual case there is William S. Rannells of Swan Township, whose home is located in the New Plymouth neighborhood. Mr. Rannells is an expert farmer and stockman, and his father before him was known in several states as a stock drover, so that the profession comes naturally to him.

The handsome place of William S. Rannells is located in section 25 of Swan Township, where he owns 430 acres. This land, under his capable supervision, is made to grow extensive crops of corn, wheat and other staples of Southern Ohio, and nearly everything

produced in his fields is fed to his livestock. He is one of the largest feeders in this section. While Mr. Rannells has an eye to profit and is a very capable business man, he has also succeeded in developing a naturally attractive bit of landscape into a delightful home site. His land is well drained by the Raccoon Creek, and his home occupies especially well situated ground. He and his family reside in a modern frame house of eight rooms, and he has barns and other buildings especially equipped for stock feeding. His large barn stands on a foundation 48 by 50 feet.

William S. Rannells was born in Swan Township February 20, 1863. As a boy he grew up on a farm and attended common schools, and quite early became interested in the cattle and sheep business with a brother. They were very successful but about five years ago they divided their interests and are now operating individually.

Mr. Rannells is the youngest in a family of six sons and three daughters, nearly all of whom grew up and married. A brief record of those living is given here. James has a large stock farm near Manhattan, Kansas, and is married and has one daughter. Thomas was for some years a stock raiser at Eureka, Kansas, but died at his home in Vinton County in 1892 at the age of forty-four, being a bachelor. Sarah is the wife of Eugene J. Cable of Nelsonville, and she is the mother of two daughters. Leah is the wife of V. C. Stiers, a farmer of Licking County, and they have a son Thomas and a daughter Eva. Hilas B. was a cattle man at Manhattan, Kansas, and died there leaving a son and three daughters. Joseph died in 1899 at Manhattan, Kansas, where he was extensively engaged in stock raising. Mary E. was the wife of William Vance and both died in Kansas, leaving three children, Lena, Elizabeth and Gertrude.

The parents of these children were Thomas and Mahala (McCleary) Rannells. Thomas Rannells was born in Cumberland County in 1813, and his wife in 1821. He came with his father, Joseph Rannells, to Vinton County, and the latter acquired a large tract of land on Raccoon Creek in Swan Township. This land in the early days was covered by heavy timber, chiefly yellow poplar. Joseph Rannells died there in 1838. He had married Elizabeth Bay and she died in Guernsey County when about sixty years of age. Her husband lived to be an old man. Both were active Presbyterians and of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Joseph Rannells was first a whig and afterwards a republican and was a man of considerable oratorical powers and exercised much influence in any community where he lived. Thomas Rannells, father of William S., was for years well known throughout Southern Ohio. He operated as a stock raiser and during the war he did an extensive business as a stock drover, riding horseback over several states and driving cattle from Illinois, In-

diana and Ohio as far east as Pittsburg. In fact, his operations ranged over practically all the country north of the Ohio River from the Mississippi east to the Allegheny. He prospered, and was the type of citizen whose career may well be remembered in this section of Ohio. He died at his home in Swan Township June 6, 1888. His wife passed away February 16, 1892. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church and he was a republican.

On October 18, 1910, William S. Rannells married Miss Lora E. Conard. She was born in Licking County, Ohio, and after a common school education there she attended the normal school at Ada and spent nearly ten years as a successful and popular educator before her marriage. Her parents were David and Rhoda (Wells) Conard, both natives of Ohio. They were married in Licking County, and started out as farmers near Johnson, Ohio, where her father died April 4, 1911. Mrs. Conard is still living at the age of seventy-seven, hale and hearty, her home being at Alexandria, Ohio. Both were communicants since childhood of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Conard was a republican. Mrs. Rannells was one of a family of seven sons and daughters, all of whom grew up, and five are still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Rannells, who have no children, are very prominent people in Swan Township, not only as farmers but through their influence in social and religious affairs. They attend church at New Plymouth, and both are members of the local Grange No. 1856, Patrons of Husbandry. In politics Mr. Rannells is a republican.

Samuel W. Boothe. During the more than a quarter of a century in which Samuel W. Boothe has been identified with the business life of Ironton, he has experienced many of the vicissitudes which often mark the careers of active and energetic business men. As a young man he established himself in business and seemed in a fair way to achieve success, only to see his holding swept away during a period of commercial and financial depression. Nothing daunted, he started again at the bottom, and has since worked his way to a leading position among the substantial men of this flourishing city of the Hanging Rock Iron Region.

Mr. Boothe was born in Union Township, Lawrence County, Ohio, October 25, 1862, and is a son of Isaac and Martha B. (Whitehead) Boothe. His father, born in the same township, devoted his active years to agricultural pursuits, in which he met with a goodly share of success because of his industry and perseverance, and was also a prominent man in the public life of his community, serving in the capacity of justice of the peace for thirty years. He died in 1911, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. Mrs. Boothe was also born in Union

Township, and still survives, being a resident of Chesapeake, Lawrence County, Ohio, and seventy-nine years of age. There were eleven children in the family, as follows: Eva A., Nannie O., Sadie K., Samuel W., Oliver R., Isaac H., J. Edwin, William M., Emma R., Georgie A. and Robert C.

Samuel W. Boothe attended the district schools of Union and Fayette townships until reaching the age of twenty-one years, and in the meantime assisted his father in the work of the home farm. Reared an agriculturist, when the bill for the opening of the Oklahoma lands to homesteaders was first placed before Congress, he went to that state in order to be on the ground, but the bill failed of passage at that time and he subsequently went to Kansas, where he spent one year in farming and getting in touch with western ideas. Returning to Lawrence County, Mr. Boothe worked on the farm for his father for one year, and then became a clerk in the store of J. R. Frampton, at Chesapeake, where he remained until the spring of 1887. He then came to Ironton and embarked in the manufacture of wire and picket fence, continuing for two years under the style of Isaac & Boothe and for five years under the name of S. W. Boothe. In 1895 he sold out to the Yellow Poplar Lumber Company and invested his capital in the Ironton Shoe Factory, of which he was foreman, but the business failed and Mr. Boothe found himself dispossessed of all his earnings and once more at the bottom of the ladder. With commendable spirit and perseverance, he accepted a position as clerk in the general store of John Isaacs, and at the end of two years bought his employer's interests, leasing the property for three years and then buying it and erecting his present business establishment, which he still owns, at Third and Kemp Streets. He now has a thoroughly up-to-date meat market and grocery, with a complete line, the business being valued at $4,000. In 1913 he took as partner, Albert Goldcamp, and the firm is now known as S. W. Boothe & Company, and attracts a large and representative trade from all over the city. Mr. Boothe has interested himself in various other enterprises, being a stockholder in the Home Telephone Company and vice president of the Star Building and Loan Company of Ironton, of which he has a branch office at his store. Here also he maintains sub-postal station No. 1. He has displayed his faith in the future of Ironton by investing his capital in real estate, and in addition to his business house and lot, owns his residence at No. 155 South Fifth Street, and three other houses and lots. He is a working member of the Chamber of Commerce, and treasurer of the committee of the Apple Show and Home Coming Week. A republican in politics, he was councilman of Ironton when the old wards and form of government were in existence, and his hobby is the

supporting of clean government in public offices. For twenty-five years he has been a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, being treasurer of the Uniform Rank. An enthusiastic automobilist, he is treasurer of the Ironton Automobile Club, and finds his chief recreation in touring the country with Mrs. Boothe in his modern high-powered car. Mr. and Mrs. Boothe are consistent members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

On February 9, 1887, Mr. Boothe was married at the home of the bride at Ironton, to Miss Annah B. Wymer, daughter of W. and Rachael Wymer, formerly of near Rappsburg, Lawrence County. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Boothe, but all are now deceased.

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